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Oil giant rivals Shell and Exxon

BP merging with Amoco in £67bn deal

BY CARL MORTISHED, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

HISTORY'S biggest industrial takeover was launched yesterday when British Petroleum announced that it had agreed terms with the board of Amoco to buy the American oil company.

Described by the two companies as a merger, the deal will create a £67.4 billion colossus that will be snapping at the heels of Exxon and Royal/Dutch Shell, the industry leaders.

Sir John Browne, BP's chief executive, said that bringing the two companies together under the name BP Amoco would give the combined group the financial strength and scale to compete in the top tier of the industry. "This deal moves us into the superleague," he said.

The takeover was announced at a time of crisis for oil companies, with the oil price hovering below $13 a barrel and companies reining in their investment programmes. Sir John promised some $2 billion in savings as a result of the merger. BP Amoco will have combined reserves of 14.8 billion barrels. In the British sector of the North Sea, the new group, with some 16 per cent by value of the oil reserves, will be the biggest player, ahead of Shell, its nearest rival.

The takeover, which involves a share-for-share swap, will create Britain's largest company and will have its headquarters in London. BP shareholders will get some 60 per cent of the group, with Amoco investors owning the rest.

About 6,000 jobs will be lost as a result of the deal, but Sir John pointed out that most of the pain would be felt in America at Amoco's Chicago head office.

BP is clearly in the driving seat in the deal, with Sir John taking the chief executive's post and running the business from BP's Finsbury Circus headquarters in the City. Two further key board positions, finance and exploration, will also be taken by current BP directors. They are John Buchanan and Rodney Chase. Larry Fuller, the chairman and chief executive of Amoco, was in London for yesterday's launch.

Sir John said: "We want to be the company of choice. In the merged BP Amoco, BP's US petrol stations will be rebranded to Amoco while the rest of the world will remain branded as BP."

The merger creates a company heavily focused on North America and Europe, with 70 per cent of its assets in the developed world.

Amoco's strengths are in its domestic American market, where it is the largest gas producer and a leading player in the downstream sector, with five oil refineries and 9,300 service stations. Amoco is also the world's largest producer of PTA, the raw material for polyester fibres and recording tapes.

BP's strengths are mainly upstream, in exploration. In addition to the North Sea, BP is one of the largest oil producers in Alaska and has extensive interests in the Gulf of Mexico and such troublespots as Colombia. BP has recently been investing in the Caspian Sea region and Algeria, another controversial area. It is now pursuing opportunities in Iran, a country still closed to American oil companies because of US government sanctions.

The takeover of Amoco marks an extraordinary finale in the development of BP. Six years ago it fell into loss after over-extending itself and taking on too much debt. Under its former chief executive, David Simon, now Lord Simon of Highbury and a member of the Labour Government, the company's recovery was swift and largely based on a drastic reduction in staff numbers and a sale of assets.

BP promised yesterday that the Amoco deal would create similar opportunities. Sir John identified some $2 billion in cost savings to be achieved by the end of 2000. At least $1 billion in savings will come from job cuts.

Amoco, originally a part of the Rockefeller empire, is surrendering its independence after a series of profit disappointments, legal setbacks and share-price collapses (Oliver August writes).

While the shares of Texaco and Exxon have risen with the Wall Street tide over the past year, Amoco stock has fallen 20 per cent. Two weeks ago Amoco announced a worse than expected 36 per cent profit decline. Mr Fuller, who is paid $2 million a year, blamed low oil prices and the weak Asian economies for the setback, but New York analysts believe Amoco's management was at least partly to blame.

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Michael Watkins died yesterday as the newly dug entrance to First World War tunnels at Vimy Ridge collapsed

Bomb expert dies in tunnel

FROM KATE MUIR IN PARIS, AND STEPHEN FARRELL

A LEADING army bomb disposal expert was killed yesterday when a shaft collapsed as he surveyed First World War excavations near Arras in northern France.

Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Watkins, 51, of the Royal Logistic Corps, was asphyxiated under tonnes of clay in the shaft, created to expose tunnels beneath the Vimy Ridge battlefield. Retired Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Robinson, with him, escaped.

One witness said: "Colonels Watkins and Robinson had climbed down about 20ft, and others were about to join them. As a ladder was put down, the walls started collapsing and about six tonnes of clay fell, covering Watkins completely and Robinson to the waist. He scrambled out, but Watkins was suffocating. It was horrendous, and we couldn't do anything."

The team had no spades. The emergency services were alerted at 10.20am but on arrival, ten minutes later, Col Watkins was dead. An Army inquiry has begun.

As chief safety officer of the Directorate of Land Service Ammunition based at Didcot, Oxfordshire, Colonel Watkins was a highly experienced bomb disposal expert. Married with one son, he lived in Standlake, near his base. He had joined the Army as an apprentice at Chepstow in 1963 and worked his way up through the ranks.

The Army refused to say how he won his MBE, but confirmed that he had completed several tours defusing bombs in Northern Ireland and had worked in the Middle and Far East.

Marc Sinden, a television producer and the son of the actor Sir Donald Sinden, was making a documentary series with Colonel Watkins about the tunnels. Last night he said: "This man was the one true hero I have ever met. He single-handedly saved more lives than I can possibly imagine. It was a very dangerous operation, which Mike was doing as much as a hobby as anything else."

An expert on the Western Front, he had surveyed entrances to tunnels and identified caches of subterranean explosives. The tunnels were used to hide troops and allowed Canadians to get close to German lines during Vimy Ridge in spring 1917.

In February the colonel defused a three-tonne mine on Vimy Ridge, the first such disarmament since 1918.

Embattled business chiefs call for interest rate cut

BY JILL SHERMAN
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Prime Minister last night came under mounting pressure from business leaders and trade unionists to change the Government's economic policy as manufacturing orders plunged, shares nosedived and almost a thousand jobs were lost.

A group of businessmen in the North signed an open letter to Tony Blair asking him to lower interest rates while the Institute of Directors today accuses Gordon Brown of "abdicating responsibility for economic management" in a letter to *The Times*.

The demands came as BOC the industrial gases group, announced 500 redundancies and a survey from the Confederation of British Industry warned of 14,000 job losses in the manufacturing industry in the South East alone this autumn. Two hundred jobs were lost at a Royal Ordnance weapons plant and 260 at Molins, which makes spare parts for cigarette machines in Peterborough. More bad news is expected today with unemployment predicted to rise by about 5,000.

A further CBI report out yesterday showed that manufacturing orders had fallen in every region of Britain over the past four months and were expected to continue declining.

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, gave a robust defence of the Government's policy, saying there would be a turnaround for industry by the beginning of next year.

But neither he nor Stephen Byers, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, could offer any immediate government action and said there would be no change of policy.

Mr Prescott argued the Government's tough decisions were necessary to achieve sustained economic growth combined with low inflation. "We were elected on the basis that we didn't want to go back into the boom and bust characterised by the previous administration," said Mr Prescott. "We've taken difficult

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Bogus scientist helped drink-drivers, court told

BY CLAUDIA JOSEPH

A BOGUS forensic scientist charged motorists accused of drink driving thousands of pounds to fake expert evidence and appear as a court witness to help them to keep their licences, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Godwin Onubogu claimed to be the managing director of a forensic laboratory in Balham, South London, and added letters after his name on headed writing paper to mislead magistrates and judges. He then manufactured test results, which he couched in scientific language, to prove that the high alcohol readings in drivers' blood or urine were caused by medical conditions.

Mr Onubogu, 57, of Balham, denies nine charges of doing acts tending and intended to pervert the course of justice.

The court was told that Mr Onubogu advertised his laboratory, where motorists largely went by referral, as Medway Services. Between 1990 and 1996 he charged 13 drivers up to £8,000 for expert evidence which was "nonsense, rubbish and lies".

Louise Kamill, for the prosecution, added: "He was, you may say, a rent-a-witness. He was prepared to dress lies up in scientific language in order to deceive courts throughout London. He made up defences for motorists prepared to pay for the privilege."

Mr Onubogu often used the same report for each motorist, written in "quasi-scientific language — enough to bamboozle benches of magistrates". His favourite conclusion was that a driver was a victim of his "aberrant biochemistry".

Miss Kamill said Mr Onubogu appeared as an expert witness in 1990 at Newham Magistrates' Court. "He told a motorist who had failed a breath test: 'I can save your licence and I will give evidence for you, but I am risking my livelihood so it will cost you.'"

Mr Onubogu told the bench that the high alcohol reading was caused by the motorist being a vegetarian and diabetic, which made the excess sugar in his blood turn to alcohol.

The trial continues.



Playwright who prefers a video

Eight out of ten theatre productions are "tedious", according to John Godber, Britain's most performed playwright after Shakespeare and Alan Ayckbourn, who says that he increasingly prefers to stay at home with a video rather than risk yet another disappointing evening

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Cyprus bush fire devours home of British general

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

A BUSH FIRE in the Cyprus heatwave yesterday destroyed the home of the commander of Britain's two military bases in Cyprus and the houses of 13 other senior officers, including the deputy commander.

Air House, a two-storey residence on a hill overlooking the Mediterranean, contained oil paintings, Persian carpets and gifts from royal guests who have visited since it was first occupied in 1956. "I have lost everything I own. The house is a write-off," said Major-General Angus Ramsay, commander of the 3,700 British servicemen and women on the island.

By lunchtime more than 600 troops and firefighters, helped by the Cypriot Fire Brigade, had put out the blaze, leaving a hazy pall of smoke over the base at Episkopi on the southern coast.



Ramsay: lost everything

The compound for senior officers on Episkopi base was the worst affected area. The home of the deputy commander, Air Commodore Paul Robinson, was destroyed.

Nearly 600 people, mainly women and children, were evacuated from 328 homes and put up at the RAF station at Akrotiri. Another 110 stayed with families in Episkopi.

Arson was ruled out. Cyprus has been afflicted by a record-breaking heatwave that claimed 56 lives in the past five days. The worst appeared to be over yesterday when temperatures fell to 39C (102F) from a high of 43C (109F) over the weekend.

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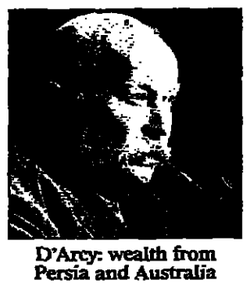
The ripping yarn that led to a great British empire

Jon Ashworth reports on how BP's epic story began with pride, prejudice and an adventurous hero called D'Arcy

IT IS one of the great business epics: a turn-of-the-century adventurer makes his fortune in the Australian gold rush, then beats the Russians to win one of the world's richest oil bounties.

Novelists would be hard-pressed to create a tale like that of British Petroleum and its colourful founder, William Knox D'Arcy. The merger of BP and Amoco is merely the latest chapter in a long saga.

D'Arcy, an Englishman who grew rich in Australia in the 1890s, was lured to Persia by reports of vast oilfields. In 1901 he won a 60-year concession to explore an area twice the size of Texas, narrowly pipping the Russians to the post. The first commercial strike was years in coming but, in 1909, BP's forerunner, the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, was formed. It was largely owned by Burmah Oil, which had helped to finance D'Arcy's explorations, but the British Government was swift in taking a majority stake. Anglo-Persian supplied the Admiralty with fuel oil during the First World War. The company changed its name to Anglo-Iranian in 1935. Nearly two decades on, simmering resentment over the long-held concession came to the boil when Iran forcibly nationalised Anglo-Iranian's assets, which were Britain's largest single overseas investment. The nationalisation precipitated an international crisis, in which the British and American Governments were deeply involved. Operations in Iran ground to a halt.



D'Arcy: wealth from Persia and Australia

Three years of negotiations saw control of the Iranian oil industry pass to a consortium, in which Anglo-Iranian held 40 per cent. The company changed its name to British Petroleum in 1954. The years which followed brought rapid diversification, with new oil strikes in Libya, Abu Dhabi and Nigeria. BP expanded its petrochemicals operations and built one of the world's biggest shipping fleets.

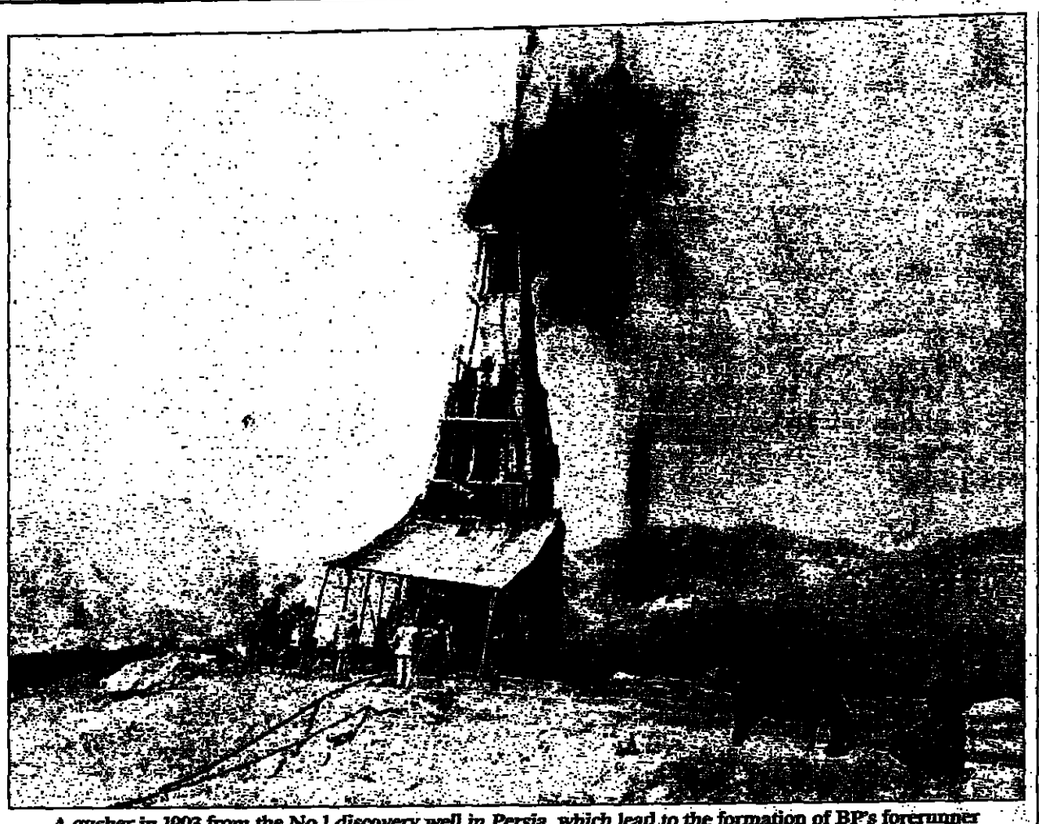
Two events propelled BP into the super-league. In 1969, after a ten-year search, oil was discovered in Prudhoe Bay in Alaska, bringing BP a stake in North America's biggest oilfield. Little over a year later, BP made the first big commercial discovery in the Forties field, the British sector of the North Sea. The discoveries transformed BP's fortunes and reduced its reliance on the Middle East, leaving it better-placed to ride the Opec crisis of 1973.

The upheavals of the Seventies encouraged BP to diversify again, taking the company into everything from animal feed to coal mining. The recession of the early 1980s brought sharp reductions in refining, shipping and chemicals. During this time, the British Government steadily reduced its stake, culminating in the ill-timed public offer of October 1987 — the month of the stock market crash. More successfully, 1987 brought a £4.7 billion offer for the outstanding stake in Standard Oil, BP's longstanding partner, and a swoop on Britoil, the oil-exploration and production company.

In 1989, BP launched a campaign to introduce a stronger corporate identity, featuring a restyled BP shield and an emphasis on the colour green. More recent years have brought an innovative European joint venture with Mobil, and political furore when the chairman, Lord Simon of Highbury, became one of the first Blair appointees, as minister for trade and competitiveness in Europe.



Supplying history: BP was destined for super league



A gusher in 1903 from the No 1 discovery well in Persia, which lead to the formation of BP's forerunner

Cutting a deal 'over there'

BY JON ASHWORTH

EVER since Lords Hanson and White introduced America to the sharp edge of British business nearly two decades ago, cutting a deal "over there" has been the ambition of many a home-grown tycoon. But few succeed in matching BP and Amoco, which join a handful of British and American players in unveiling their record $110 billion merger.

The merger, in 1989, of SmithKline of America and British-based Beecham, was one of the few recent, successful transatlantic mergers. Many have tried: notably BT, which last year famously announced a merger with MCI, the US telecoms group, only to lose to rival WorldCom. BT has since unveiled a partnership with AT&T, but the attempt on MCI drove home the difficulties of doing business across several jurisdictions.

Similar hurdles confront PowerGen, which last month unveiled an £11 billion alliance with Houston Industries, potentially winning the British generator an important American platform. It now appears that the deal may fall foul of regulatory hurdles. Daimler-Benz of Germany has enjoyed rather more success with its $92 billion merger with Chrysler of America. Unlike BP Amoco, headquartered in London, and with the British firmly keeping the upper hand, the carmakers will share responsibilities from offices in Stuttgart and Detroit.

The famous double act of James Hanson and Gordon White in many ways set the standard. Lord White, who died three years ago this month, helped to build Hanson into a £10 billion industrial conglomerate, feared on both sides of the Atlantic for the audacity of its corporate raids. Hanson, the advertisements would boast, was "a company from over here doing rather well over there". The entwined blue, red and white flags came to epitomise British success.

British Airways has been trying for over two years to secure its alliance with American Airlines. Failure will consign BA to the growing list of those who attempted to follow in the footsteps of Hanson and White — and tripped.

Tradition that led to the top

BY ADAM JONES

SIR JOHN BROWNE, the suave and articulate man who will run day-to-day operations when BP merges with Amoco, is a bachelor who lives in Belgravia with his Romanian mother.

Currently chief executive of BP, Sir John, 50, continued a family tradition when he joined the oil company as a university apprentice in 1966. His late father worked there for many years.

Sir John took a first-class degree in physics at St John's College, Cambridge, supported with sponsorship from BP. He also has a master's degree in business from Stanford University, California.

He was sent to Alaska when he joined the company properly. Oil exploration and production posts followed, before he was made group treasurer in 1984. He became group chief executive in 1995.

Sir John is liked and respected within the City. He is also a non-executive director of SmithKline Beecham and a member of Daimler-Benz's advisory board.

His basic pay rose by 19 per cent to £505,000 last year, but bonus and benefits took his total to £938,000. In addition, he was awarded shares worth £815,000.



Sir John: he is liked and respected by City

NEWS IN BRIEF

Directors told to cut their pay

The Government yesterday warned employers to show restraint over pay rises or face tougher curbs after a survey showed a big jump in boardroom salaries.

Figures published by *Utility Week* show that the total remuneration for board members of the major privatised utilities has risen by 18 per cent during the past year. The amount paid to BT's board went up by 20 per cent to more than £3 million.

Drugs ban

Some 36 Ecstasy-style drugs are to be banned by the Government after details of how to make them appeared on the Internet. The substances, including Hot-17, Flea and Bod, are to be made Class A illegal drugs carrying a maximum seven-year jail term for unlawfully possessing most of them and a life sentence for supplying.

Milk assurances

Retailers and dairies tried yesterday to calm fears about the safety of milk after the disclosure that supplies may contain bacteria linked by some scientists to Crohn's disease. Tesco, Sainsbury's and Safeway are asking suppliers to increase heat treatment during pasteurisation. Dairy Crest and other large dairies are reviewing procedures.

E coli cases

Public health consultants in Fife are investigating three cases of the potentially fatal *E. coli O157* infection. A man in his late seventies and two women are being treated in their own homes and are said by doctors to be "recovering well". The victims are from different towns and it is thought unlikely that the cases are linked.

Presidential pull

Newt Gingrich, tipped to run for US President in 2000, dragged cement blocks on a West Belfast housing project in a thinly disguised attempt to woo the Irish-American vote. The Republican Speaker was helping Americans who have given up their annual leave to build houses for Protestants.

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Irvine asks Lords to let him wear modern clothes

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Lord Chancellor is to go ahead with his plan to dispense with the ancient costume of his office and has asked peers if he can shed his silk tights, cotton breeches and buckled shoes. Instead, he intends to sport plain dark trousers and black lace-ups.

Lord Irvine of Lairg has also asked if he can reduce the number of occasions he has to wear his wig and gown.

The move will dismay traditionalist peers who are already unhappy at previous changes to parliamentary ceremony and ritual. Lord Irvine dislikes his formal attire, which he considers outdated and finds uncomfortable.

When the House is sitting, he sits on the Woolsack most days in his capacity as Speaker of the Lords for about half an hour during ministers' question time and must wear a black cloth court suit, with frock coat and waistcoat, breeches, silk tights, buckled shoes, and silk gown and train. On his head is a bespoke full-bottomed wig.

In a memorandum sent to Lords Procedure Committee before the summer break and which has been obtained by *The Times*, Lord Irvine says: "I propose that on ordinary House days, trousers and black shoes replace the breeches and buckled shoes."



Irvine: dislikes costume of Lord Chancellor

Lord Irvine also proposes that he should be allowed to wear normal clothes more often when acting in his capacity as a government minister steering a Bill through the Lords. At present, he is only allowed to wear a suit and sit on the front bench during the Committee stage of a Bill. At all other times of the legislative process he must speak from the side of the Woolsack in full regalia.

Lord Irvine makes clear that he would be "content" to wear his full ceremonial dress on important parliamentary occasions.

Labour fights to keep leftist group off NEC

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR strategists have intervened in the battle for seats on the party's ruling body after fears that a left-wing coalition led by Liz Davies could beat Blair loyalists.

Ms Davies, who was blocked three years ago by the National Executive Committee from standing as an MP for Leeds North East, now has a good chance of winning a seat on the NEC in next month's elections.

The former Islington councillor, whose campaign centres on higher taxes and higher benefits, is the leader of the Grassroots Alliance, a group culled mainly from Labour's hard Left, which also seeks the right to oppose the party's leadership.

Tony Blair's allies admit that the six-strong group could seize some or all of the six places on the constituency section of the NEC, leading to a resurgence of the Left and damaging factionalism at the heart of Labour's organisation.

The Grassroots Alliance includes Mark Seddon, editor of *Tribune* and Pete Willsman, a long-standing activist.

Party organisers have already delayed sending out ballot papers for the NEC elections. They are now due out next Friday. All 385,000 party members are eligible to vote and Labour is trying to increase turnout by organising a telephone vote.

Yesterday, it emerged that two Blairite candidates — Jack McConnell, former general secretary of the Scottish Labour Party and Maggie Cosin, deputy leader of Camden council — had decided to stand down to boost the chances of the other six candidates which include Michael Cashman, the former actor.

Fraser Kemp, Labour MP for Houghton and Washington East, and Lord Bessam of Brighton, have been working behind the scenes to promote the Blair loyalist slate, known as Members First. Last month, two loyalist groups — Members First and Labour First — were fielding different candidates. Labour Party chiefs at Millbank pledged to be neutral in the elections, but the two groups have now agreed to merge in order to boost the number of votes for each candidate.

Mr Kemp, a strategist during the 1997 election campaign, is said to have been responsible for "banging heads together in a locked room" to get the groups to agree to a six-strong slate.

Embattled businesses seek rate cut

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decisions. We know they're difficult and we hope we will begin to see, certainly by the beginning of next year, the turnaround in the economy that we want to and a sustained level of economic growth over a longer period of time."

Mr Byers insisted that the job losses were the result of economic problems abroad, shown by job losses elsewhere which were "nothing whatsoever" to do with the strong pound.

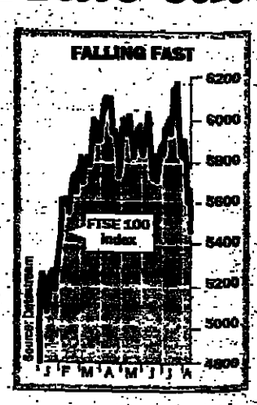
But the Government also faced calls for action from its own MPs. Derek Foster, chairman of the Commons Employment Select Committee, said: "Clearly the Government can't do anything about the collapse of the Far East markets. But it ought to be looking now to what it can do about the overvalued pound and high interest rates."

John Monks, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, said that high interest rates and the Asian crisis meant that a recession in manufacturing was inevitable unless the Bank of England cut interest rates.

John Edmonds, General Secretary of the GMB general union, said: "Thousands of workers are losing their jobs every week as more and more factories close because of unsustainable high interest rates. This has been a black August for British jobs."

Meanwhile, the FTSE-100 index of leading shares plunged to a seven-month low before staging a slight recovery as billions of pounds were wiped off the value of Britain's leading companies yesterday.

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Leading playwright stages video revolt over tedious theatre

Dalya Alberge reports on popular author who says that most new plays are letting down their audience

EIGHT out of ten theatre productions are tedious, according to one of Britain's leading playwrights, who has found himself increasingly staying at home with a video rather than risk yet another disappointing evening.

John Godber — the nation's most performed playwright after Shakespeare and Alan Ayckbourn — yesterday accused theatre companies nationwide of an alienating "clubbishness" and attacked them for failing to stage performances to which audiences can relate.

In Godber's view theatres should be as accessible as swimming-pools.

Playwrights and production houses — including the Royal National Theatre and Royal Shakespeare Company — are letting down their public, according to Godber, who says they fail to ask themselves the questions that audiences pose in trying to relate to characters and plots to their own lives.

He picked out as examples *Shopping*, — a critically acclaimed morality tale by Mark Ravenhill featuring nudity and sodomy which played for some weeks at the Royal Court Theatre in both 1996 and 1997, before transferring to the West End.After reading it, he could not bring himself to see it: "It didn't seem to me the stunning and outrageous exposé of humanity that I'd read about. I just thought it was another play in a room." And he was critical of *A Passionate Woman* by Kay Mellor which ran in the West End for more than a year after transferring from the Yorkshire Playhouse. The play, written in 1993, was inspired by her own mother's extra-marital affair: "A lot of people said it was absolutely wonderful. I didn't connect with it." Nor had he been enticed back much to the RSC or *National* after too many disappointments, "I can't be bothered", he said.

So infrequently are audiences engaged by what they see that it is rare for them to emerge from a theatre discussing the play, Godber says. "They are talking about the mileage on their car or whether to go for a Chinese."



John Godber would rather stay at his home

Godber, the 42-year-old son of a Yorkshire miner, is the artistic director of the award-winning Hull Truck Theatre Company, which has returned to the Edinburgh festival to premiere his latest play, *Unleashed*, about "lager, lust and liberty" as "four blokes" go to Amsterdam.

He established himself with *Bouncers* — about night-club bouncers — at the Edinburgh fringe in 1977: from an audience of only two, a tramp and a critic who left after the first five minutes, the play has since been translated into many langauges, from Flemish to Swedish and won awards worldwide. Other popular Godber plays include *Up 'n' Under* — about rugby players — which won an Olivier in 1984.

Critics say he excels at depicting the dignity, humour, decency and determination of ordinary people; that however much his characters may infuriate, they rarely fail to win sympathy and respect. Jude Kelly, the artistic director of the West Yorkshire Playhouse, has noted how Godber "understands perfectly the people he writes about": "When they come to see his plays, they say, 'that character is just like my dad'." Since taking over Hull Truck in 1984, he has seen annual box-office figures rise dramatically from a 16 per cent to up to 85 per cent.

Godber said yesterday: "Good theatre ought to both challenge and reaffirm your view of the world. Like life, it ought to have feelings of pain and anguish and fun — and be a little bit illuminating." Too often, he said, "it lets you down". Too many plays "exist on just one level".

In contrast he cited *Today it is My Birthday* by Poland's Tadeusz Kantor, a production he saw at Edinburgh a few years ago, as an example of good theatre. "I could watch it over and over again. I saw it on three consecutive nights. It was so mesmerising, an assault on your senses." He also applauded Steven Berkoff's productions of *Decadence* and *Hamlet* for being exhilarating and therefore memorable.

Godber says his dream of playing to theatres full of artisans has evaporated: "Now even the middle-classes aren't going." Like him, they are preferring to get out a video rather than be disappointed yet again in the live theatre.

"I don't always get the impression that the theatre welcomes first-time theatre-goers", he said. "Theatre in this country, in many respects, has a 'clubbishness' about it. From my ivory tower of Hull, London's main stage has a clubbishness. That's got to be pierced somehow." The choice of productions, for example, have a "university graduate" cleverness about them, he said. Mr Godber, married with two daughters, as been described as a cultured, highly educated man whose knowledge of obscure modern playwrights is astonishing. From Leeds University, he holds as an MA in Drama as well as an *MPhil/PhD*; and an honorary D.Litt from the University of Hull. Although he devotes his writing to the theatre, with 36 plays including *Teechers* and *Gym & Tonic*, he has had brief forays into television scripting, beginning initially with *Brookside* and *Grange Hill*; his most recent writing for television, *Bloomin' Marvellous*, a sitcom about characters trying to have a child, had a more muted response.

In Godber's view education programmes should go some way to breaking down barriers: "I taught for 16 years in a rough comprehensive. We brought the kids to the Edinburgh festival. Most never forgot the experience."

Leading article



TONY BARTHOLOMEW

Disenchanted: John Godber believes that theatres should be as accessible as swimming pools

THE PLAYER KINGS

Gascoigne accuses Hoddle of betrayal

By Adrian Lee

PAUL GASCOIGNE accused Glenn Hoddle yesterday of breaching the trust between player and manager after the England coach disclosed details of the fading star's marital and mental problems.

In a forthcoming book, Hoddle says Gascoigne was unprepared for the World Cup because he was "constantly preoccupied" with his separation from his wife, Sheryl. The coach describes how the player spent hours on his mobile telephone to his wife when he should have been resting before a match. Hoddle says Gascoigne, who was dropped from the World Cup squad, was "mentally all over the place".

Mel Stein, Gascoigne's agent, said yesterday: "You would have thought that everything between manager and player would be confidential. This goes into a lot of detail about Paul's personal life. We are a bit disappointed that these things were aired."

Mr Stein said that Gascoigne had no idea that his dealings with Hoddle might become part of a book. "I am not sure that some of what he [Hoddle] says is justified."

The coach says Gascoigne became agitated in the build-up to the tournament when his estranged wife was pictured in a newspaper with another man. Hoddle also gives his first detailed account of Gascoigne's drunken rage in the team's Spanish hotel after he learnt that he had been dropped. The coach said that he was ready for an angry reaction and played soothing music. At first Gascoigne took the news well, shaking Hoddle's hand. Then, says Hoddle, the player snapped. "He stopped, turned — and flew into a rage, kicking a nearby chair. The kick was so hard that I thought he must have broken his foot."

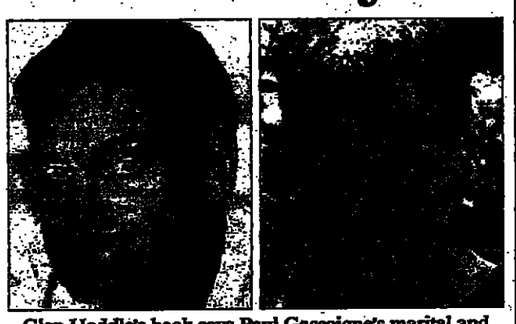
He says Gascoigne then smashed a lamp with his fist. Hoddle feared for his own safety, saying the player was "like a man possessed".

At the time, Hoddle underplayed the incident. He said at a press conference the day after the squad was announced: "We had a chat for about two or three minutes and there were some tears in his eyes." Asked if there were any tantrums, he said: "Not necessarily. Paul reacted as I would have expected him to. He was very disappointed."

In *Glenn Hoddle: The 1998 World Cup Story*, he says that Gascoigne's England career is not necessarily over, but the candid revelations will do nothing to improve strained relations. Mr Stein denied there was a feud, but he did not think Hoddle and Gascoigne had spoken since the World Cup.

David Davies, the Football Association's director of public affairs and the ghostwriter of the book, defended the England coach. He said the publication had the approval of Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, and that Gascoigne had already given his own account of the confrontation. Hoddle, who also describes his own marriage break-up, was said to be abroad yesterday.

The book, published on August 20, also illustrates Hoddle's faith. He describes how he rushed on to the pitch when Michael Owen was injured in a friendly. "I put my hand on his body and said a quick prayer ... eventually he came round."



Glen Hoddle's book says Paul Gascoigne's marital and mental problems left him unprepared for the World Cup

Cancer student reached his goal

By Paul Wilkinson

A STUDENT who pressed on with his degree course despite being told he had terminal cancer has been rewarded with the prize for the most outstanding student on his course. Simon Wooller achieved his goal of first-class honours three weeks before succumbing to the illness.

Yesterday his parents spoke of their pride at his bravery and determination. "It was a privilege to know him," said his mother, Jean, 55, an insurance clerk. "Simon's attitude was that the cancer might rob him of his life, but it wouldn't rob him of his first."

Simon, 25, from Allerton, Bradford, who had been a keen rider, swimmer and badminton player, was only nine months away from his finals at Bradford University when a lump on his side was diagnosed as lymph cancer. But he was determined to add a first in his physiotherapy course to the BSc degree in anatomical sciences that he had already taken at Manchester University. He shrugged off blinding headaches that often left him unable to get up off the floor to cram his studies into the last few weeks of his life.

His father, Roy, a retired superintendent, said: "When he knew he had got his first, he relaxed and let go. He was so brave. He was a bright light and, had he lived longer, he would have shone brighter still."

Pop goes the contented chicken

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

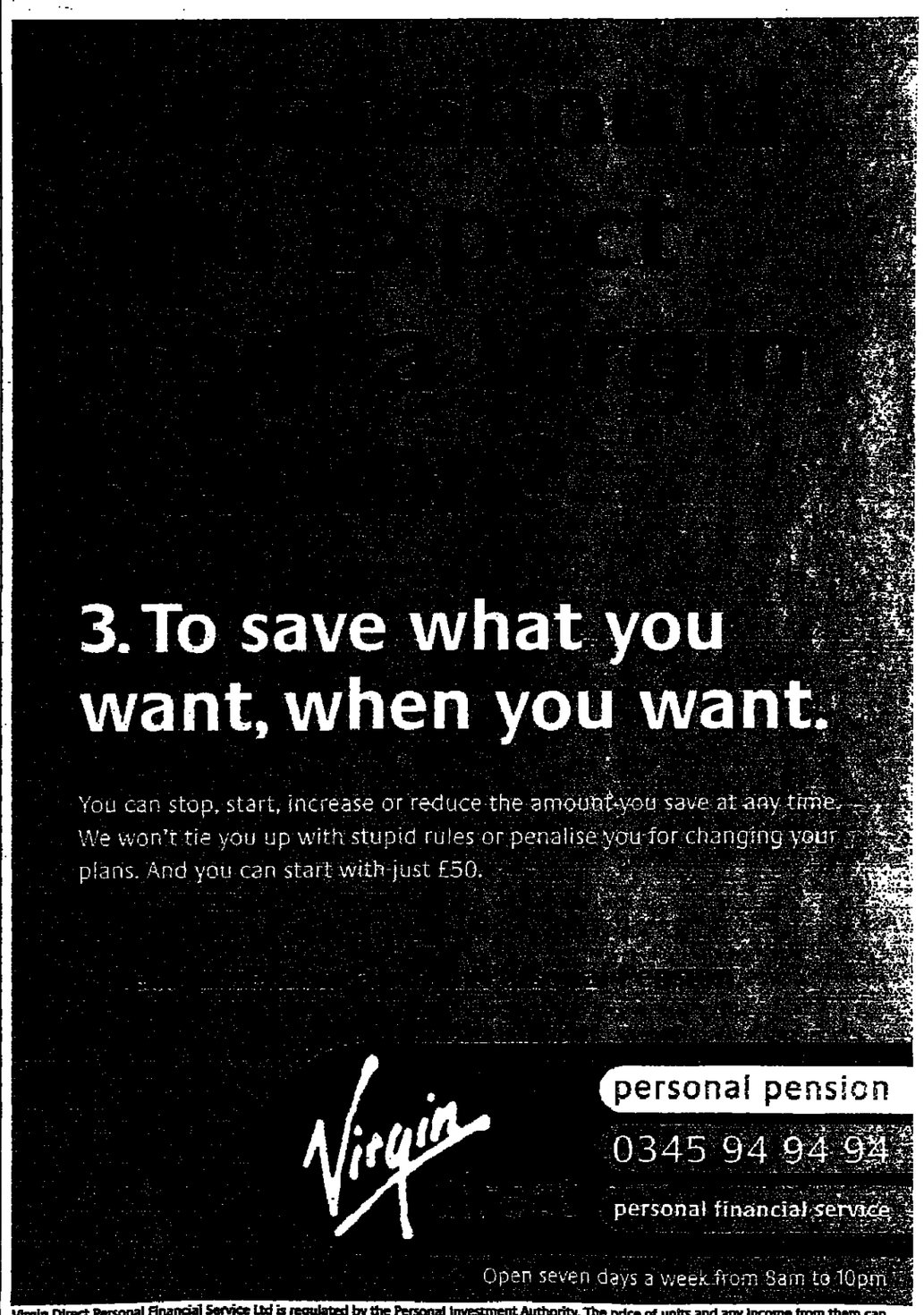
ABOUT half Britain's poultry farmers play music to their chickens because they believe it makes their birds happier, healthier and more productive, a survey for the National Farmers' Union discloses.

Simon Rayner, a spokesman for the union, said the survey of 100 chicken farmers showed that pop music was favoured listening in 70 per cent of musical chicken sheds, with "easy listening" to the likes of Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett also popular.

Mr Rayner added: "Some 96 per cent said their birds were calmer, 50 per cent that they were less aggressive, 20 per cent that they suffered less illness and 16 per cent that they laid more eggs."

Neil Marshall, who rears 10,000 free-range chickens near New York, in Lincolnshire, began playing music to his birds ten years ago, to counteract the noise of planes from RAF Coningsby. "You can tell when chickens are in a good mood," he said. "They make a sort of purring clucking."

Bryan Jones, an animal behaviourist at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, said: "All animals welcome anything that makes their environment more stimulating. Chickens panic easily and the music may help them to realise that new noises are not something to worry about."



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School where the pupils make rules escapes closure

Victoria Fletcher on the alternative philosophy that has finally been accepted by Ofsted

A SCHOOL that allows its pupils to make the rules has finally won the approval of government inspectors. After six years of critical reports, a sudden change of heart has lifted the threat of closure from Summerhill School in Suffolk.

The self-proclaimed "free school" achieved notoriety after a Channel 4 documentary in 1992 showed pupils hunting a rabbit and beheading it with a machete. Ofsted was so concerned that it advised the Government to consider its closure. Inspectors noted with disdain that the staff and pupils shared "unconventional extra-curricular activities", such as nude bathing.

Lessons are optional, based on the belief that children learn best only when they make their own decisions to study. Summerhill refused to change and its approach led to a final warning from the Department for Education and Employment to improve standards of numeracy, literacy and class attendance, or face closure.

However, in a remarkable turnaround, officials have suddenly accepted the alternative philosophy of the school. In a letter, the department said: "Attainment and progress ought not necessarily be to be considered purely from the point of view of value-added but should also encompass the 'values-added' and the extent to which the school was impacting on pupils' personal, social, moral, spiritual and cultural development."

Zoë Readhead, the head and daughter of the founder, A.S. Neil, said she was delighted. "We have not changed our attitudes to class attendance one bit. That policy is at the heart of what Summerhill is about. But we have changed how we document that philosophy so that the inspectors can understand it. We were amazed at their change of heart during the last visit."

A spokeswoman for the department said yesterday that standards of learning were still of concern, but that it accepted the school's unusual approach. "We accept Summerhill is different and that standards have improved. We are working towards a way to assess levels of progress in a school that has a different philosophy and where lessons are not enforced.

"We will try to examine if attainment is affected by attendance, but we still need to decide where we go from here, and Ofsted will keep an eye on the school."

Summerhill has provoked controversy since it was opened in 1924 by Neil, a Scottish educationalist, who once said: "You can't inspect happiness." Pupils aged between 3 and 17 wander in and out of lessons, are not forced to take examinations and make the school rules themselves. Results are variable. While children take on average five GCSEs, achieving grades A-C, some choose not to take any.

The boarding school, which costs £6,500 per year, has been severely criticised for the reading levels of its pupils aged 8 and 9, who had often exerted their right to abandon their literacy classes. Mrs Readhead said: "We have continued to insist that they do not have to go to classes. Why are results at that age important? Children of nine are not going into jobs and, if they choose to learn later, they will enjoy the subject far more."

Since receiving the department's final scathing report last October, the school has made some organisational changes. The ethos of learning at will has been written down for the inspectors, baseline assessment introduced and an action plan of building repairs drawn up. "It has been hard to convince them that our standards are based around the overall learning achieved. That is hard to define or measure. Now we have written it down, inspectors have realised what we are about, and that is not just exam results and lessons," she added.

Mrs Readhead said that a new inspector had visited in June, and listened carefully to her explanations of what the school was doing. "The attitude was completely different. It was very puzzling."

ROB HOWARTH



Zoë Readhead is delighted that Summerhill's relaxed approach has been accepted: "We have not changed our attitudes one bit"

Wives go into battle against adulterous dons

BY ALEX O'CONNELL AND PETER FOSTER

THE wives of philandering university dons are founding a support group to take on the academic establishment. It will offer moral and legal help to women abandoned in favour of students who have caught a tutor's eye for more than just their prose style.

The impetus for the group has come from Jean Norris, whose husband, Paul, a social sciences lecturer at the Southhampton Institute, was disciplined for having an affair with a student in 1992. The couple are engaged in an acrimonious divorce, but Mrs Norris is determined to bring something positive out of her broken marriage.

"The whole idea behind this group is that women who have been left by their husbands have no support," said Mrs Norris, from Sheffield. "The mistresses are looked after and their husbands are looked after, but the women are often left with nothing."

She is inviting women with similar experiences to come forward: "I want all the women whose lives have been destroyed by philandering husbands and students to contact me. It is going to be a national group."

She hopes to take the fight to male-dominated academic institutions which, she says, fail to support women adequately: "This is a pressure group, not just a support group. It isn't just about the academic establishment, it is about male power. The academic establishment and the legal profession is still run by men. The women are underrepresented right through that institution."

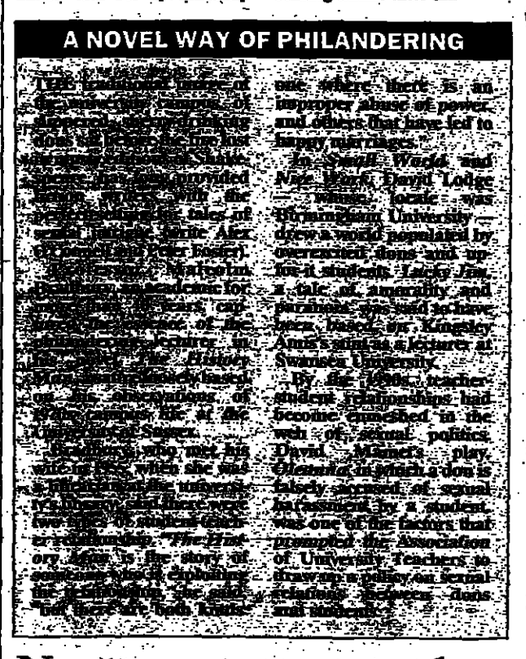
Mrs Norris hopes to attain charitable status for her foundation and set up hardship funds to help women to fight legal battles. She believes that guidelines at universities are inadequate to protect women from becoming victims of illicit teacher-student liaisons: "It seems to me that some lecturers perceive sex with students as a perk of the job. It seems common to me, and universities seem very blasé."

A spokeswoman for the Association of University Teachers, the largest body representing academic staff, admitted that its guidelines on sexual relationships could never be foolproof: "No guidelines in the world can protect individuals from the vagaries of human relationships. We seek to encourage professional behaviour in the workplace and expect our members not to abuse the position their professional status gives them."

The association advises lecturers not to mix their professional and romantic lives, warning that "to embark on a sexual/romantic relationship will always involve serious risks and may involve serious difficulties in the unequal power, and hence choice, of the parties involved".

Lecturers who succumb to temptation or seduction are advised to tell their department heads in confidence and try and disentangle professional and personal obligations. In many cases, the association admits, this is not a practical option: "Many people do not want their relationships posted on the faculty notice board, so to speak. We advise going to heads of department but clearly it will depend on personalities. We are talking about relationships between consenting adults after all."

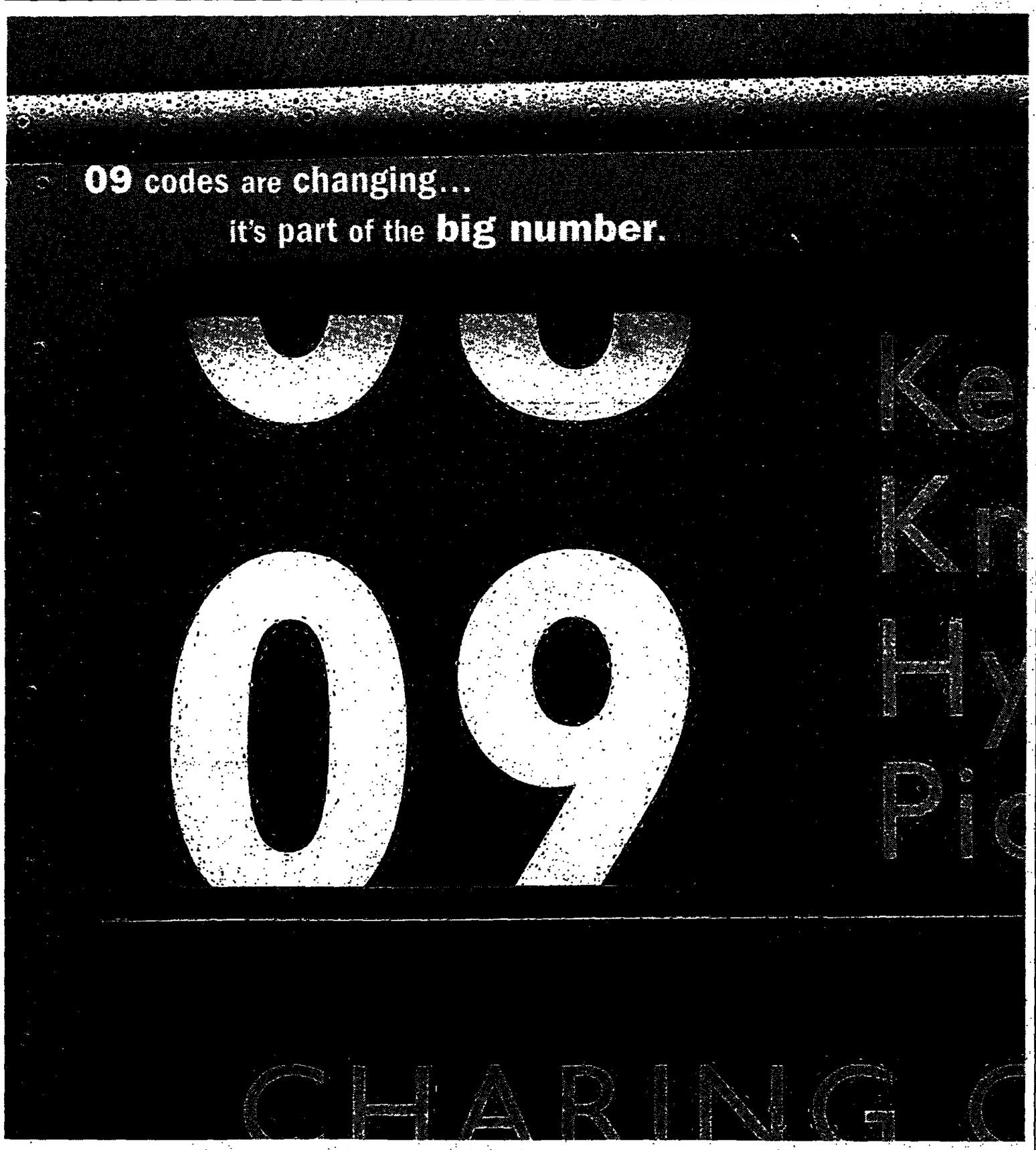
A NOVEL WAY OF PHILANDERING



No sex, no young readers

A MAGAZINE for schoolboys that offered them more than pop, fashion and jokes has closed after readers found it too high-brow (Paul Wilkinson writes).

BFM, a monthly started a year ago as *Boys 1st* by Christine Cubitt, of West Yorkshire, had no sex, swear words, or pictures of voluptuous women, instead providing articles on sport, cars, wildlife and astronomy. Mrs Cubitt said: "I don't think we were tacky enough to sell on news stands. It had a very educational feel. There was a lot of reading and thinking for the children; people don't want that now."



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Earth blazes into the next millennium

Evidence of the warmest century for at least 1,000 years has increased fears about pollution, writes Nick Nuttall

THE 20th century is the hottest for at least a millennium, scientists said yesterday, amid concern that the new finding is evidence of global warming caused by man-made pollution.

Phil Jones, of the University of East Anglia, said that a study of tree rings, ice cores, corals and historical records from Europe and China going back 1,000 years had been unable to find a hotter century. His findings come in the wake of results released by Al Gore, the US Vice-President, that July was the hottest month since records began.

Dr Jones, a scientist and meteorologist, said: "Temperatures this century are on average two tenths of a degree [centigrade] warmer than between 1001 and 1100." He said that the increases might not appear dramatic, but that the difference between the last Ice Age and now was only about 4C.

There was growing concern among scientists that computer forecasts of how global warming might affect the world were starting to be realised. The forecasts predict that, unless urgent action is taken to cut back on pollution from burning fossil fuels, temperatures globally will rise by up to 1.5C by 2050.

Dr Jones, whose findings are published in the current edition of *The Holocene*, said that the record-breaking heatwave in the southern American states, where temperatures have stayed above 37C for a month, was probably due to El Niño. This natural climatic event — a shift in the currents of warm waters across the Pacific, which can happen several times a decade — has played a key role in the droughts in America and elsewhere, and floods in Asia.

"But if the average global temperatures shift up by 1.5C, then what you see now in Texas will become normal," said Dr Jones.

The findings on July were compiled by the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, based on scientific measurements worldwide. Mr Gore linked them with man-made global warming.

Dr Jones said that some of the extreme weather witnessed this year could become commonplace in the next century. Scientists forecast that the floods afflicting China and elsewhere will also become more frequent as the weather becomes more violent and unpredictable.

Greater wind speeds are also forecast, making buildings more vunerable and whipping up the seas around vulnerable coastlines such as East Anglia and low-lying islands such as the Maldives. Diseases such as malaria are likely to spread.

In some parts of the world, where agriculture is on the margins, or where billions live along river plains increasingly vulnerable to flash floods, the effect of rising temperatures would be disastrous. Some experts have predicted a sharp increase in environmental refugees and the creation of a "fortress West" to keep these billions of displaced and hungry people at bay.

Studies by the Government have found that Britain's climate might in some ways resemble the Loire Valley next century. Other studies, reported recently in *Nature*, indicate that droughts could become more severe here. Annual rainfall is unlikely to change, but most of it may fall over a handful of days in monsoon-like storms. Much of this will be washed away, off parched land, and out to sea before it has chance to penetrate and be stored underground or in reservoirs.

Research on behalf of the Government by another group at the University of East Anglia found that grassland and forest fires would increase dramatically in Britain with rising temperatures. During the hot summer of 1995, such fires rose by 54 per cent.

An average temperature rise would also lead to 7,000 fewer deaths a year, mainly because of milder winters. But cases of food poisoning would rise by 5 per cent, or 4,000.

In addition, retailers lost £383 million of business in 1995, mainly because of a sharp decline in clothes sales — only partly offset by an increase in beer and fruit sales. The transport sector lost £16 million of business after heat damage to roads and slower train speeds because of fires and buckling track. The hot weather cost agriculture £180 million, mainly because of losses in livestock and at fish farms.

However, Britain could equally become like Siberia. Some scientists claim that the Gulf Stream, which keeps Britain ice-free, will switch south if global warming becomes a reality.

THE WORLD ON FIRE: HIT BY THE HEAT IN 1998



July is the hottest month globally since official records began 118 years ago. 1998 is set to be hottest year for 1,000 years. 1990s is the hottest decade in 600 years.

ITALY: Fire-fighting aircraft dumps water over Santa Levante, Liguria

2. AUSTRALIA: Warmer sea temperatures and freshwater run-off from torrential inland storms trigger widespread destruction of Queensland's coral reef.

2. AMERICA: Moist mild winter triggers a spring and summer explosion of grasshoppers in Nevada and Arizona covering roads and causing car crashes. Texas, Florida, Oklahoma and southern states endure scorching heat. Temperatures in Dallas 37.8C (100F) for a month.

3. CHINA: Howling, cyclonic dust storms in April ripped up trees; knock out power supplies and send rocks flying through windows in Xinjiang province.
In Mongolia, 9,000 cattle are killed and 1,000 people made homeless.
Yangtze River highest for nearly 50 years.
Million people made homeless.

4. TURKEY: Record-breaking 43C (109.4F) on July 3 in Antalya. Average is 34C (93.2F). Ankara 37C (98.6F) on July 25, seven degrees above average.

5. MALTA: Record-breaking 41.2C (106.2F) Average is 29C (84.2F).

6. KUWAIT: Record-breaking 49.4C (120.9F) on August 2.

7. RUSSIA: Record-breaking 37.2C (99F) in Penza, 300 miles southeast of Moscow.

8. SYRIA: Damascus hits 38C (100.4F) on July 31, followed by record overnight low of 11C (51.8F).

9. CYPRUS: Forest fires and record-breaking heatwave. Temperatures over 40C (104F). Fifty dead from heatstroke.

10. INDONESIA: More than 1,000 forest fires cover hundreds of thousands of hectares in Borneo. Flare-ups in Sarawak.

11. GREECE: Forest fires threaten Mount Olympus.

12. BRAZIL: Forest and grassland fires in Roraima 250 miles long destroy one million hectares.

13. BANGLADESH: Two-thirds of country hit by floods in July. 30 million people affected.

14. CENTRAL EUROPE: Floods hit Poland, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Hungary and Austria. More than 100 dead. Doctors call for urgent medical supplies.

15. SRI LANKA: Floods leave 12,500 homeless.

16. INDIA: Delhi has record breaking 46.5C (115.7F) in May. Hottest for 50 years.

17. NEW ZEALAND: A one in a century flood hits the North Island as 70mm rain falls on a single night in July.

GREECE: Fighting a forest fire near Athens

Heat put on US as the scientists hunt for answers

GREEN campaigners stepped up their attack on the United States yesterday as nations prepare to gather in Buenos Aires for a meeting on curbing global warming (Nick Nuttall writes).

Tony Juniper, campaigns director for Friends of the Earth, said the US was the world's biggest polluter, emitting a fifth of the globe's greenhouse gases.

Yet President Clinton and Vice-President Gore's attempts to get the Kyoto Protocol on cutting emissions, agreed in Japan in December, ratified by Congress had so far failed. Environmentalists say they have been influenced by the well-funded fossil-fuel lobby — the Global Climate Coalition — which is backed by American corporations such as Exxon, Ford, Texaco and Mobil. The lobby claims that fighting global warming will seriously damage the American economy by favouring the developing world.

European nations, including Britain, argue that cutting back on carbon dioxide and the other greenhouse gases will in fact boost the economy by generating new industries based around renewable energy technologies.

In Kyoto the main industrial nations agreed to cut emissions by 6 per cent between 2008 and 2012. Europe — including Britain — the United States and Japan agreed to cut emissions by 8 per cent, 7 per cent and 6 per cent respectively.

At the meeting in Buenos Aires in November, countries will decide how this is to be done. The United States is pressing to be allowed to offset its emissions under a scheme by which firms can build cleaner power stations and plant trees to soak up CO_2 in the developing world. Europe supports this, but insists that only a fraction of the reductions should be done this way. There are also doubts about how much CO_2 forests can absorb.

Carbon trading, in which the US buys pollution "credits" from countries that have cut pollution will also be in the spotlight.

The United States, under pressure from a Republican-dominated Congress, will also be pressing for countries such as China and India, whose economies are growing and whose pollution is set to soar, to sign to commitments to curb greenhouse gases. Developing countries say that the West, which has been allowed to pollute for more than 100 years, should act first.

Heatwave claims lives in drowning accidents

BY CLAUDIA JOSEPH

TWO boys and a man have drowned in separate accidents during the heatwave.

In the North Wales seaside town of Llandudno, Jason Butterworth drowned after he became stranded on a sandbank with a friend. His father had carried his baby brother to safety. The 12-year-old, who could not swim, was swept away by strong currents but his friend paddled until he was rescued.

Jason's body was recovered at low tide yesterday morning by an RAF rescue helicopter after a ten-hour search.

John McDonald, of Llandudno Lifeboat, said: "We believe Mr Butterworth made a split-second decision to carry his youngest son, Kyle, to safety first. He must have told the two boys to stay where they were and he would be back in a few minutes. Unfortunately, in the 20 minutes or so it took him to get to the shore, drop off Kyle and get back out to the other two boys in the dark, it was too late."



Jason Butterworth, who died at Llandudno

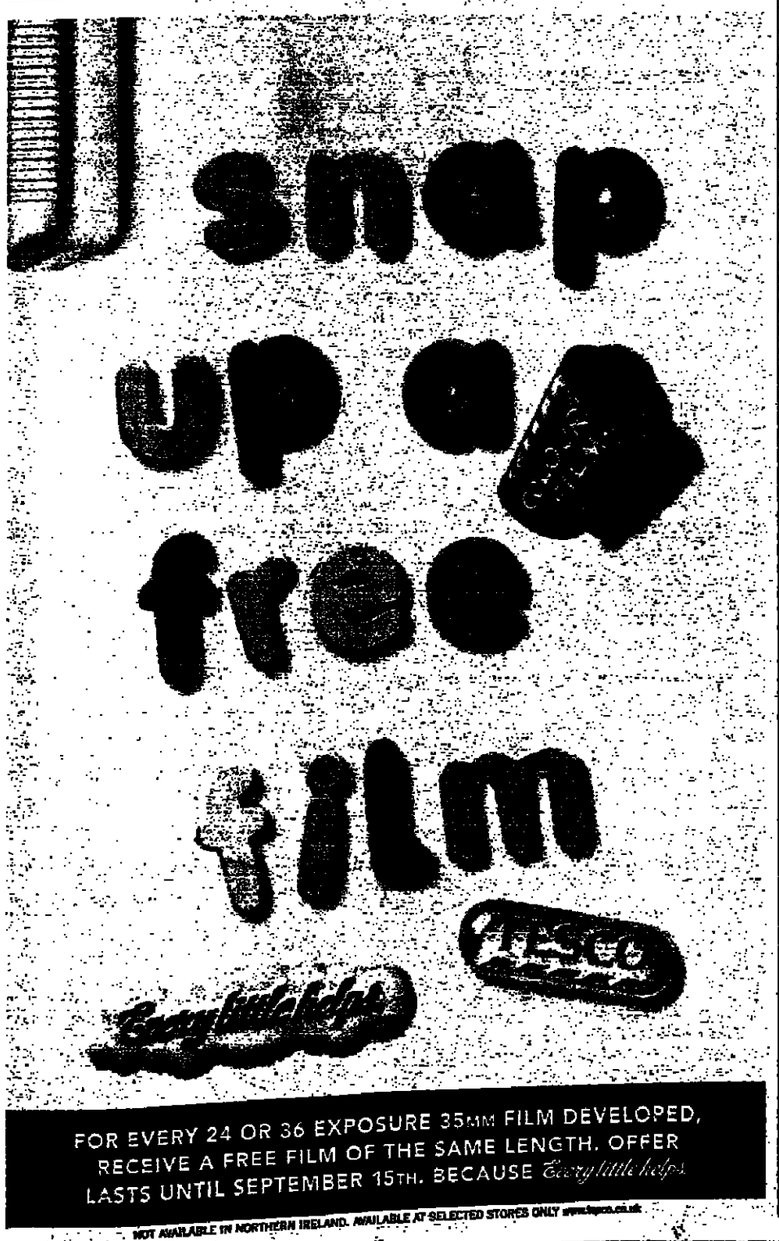
He said that Jason's friend "could swim and managed to stay afloat in roughly the same position, but Jason could not swim and, by the looks of things, he was swept away by the strong current."

In Oxfordshire, Glen McCulloch, 16, died early yesterday after having been dragged unconscious from the Thames on Monday afternoon while taking a dip with a friend at Hinksey. His aunt, Anne Foster, said that Glen had just left school and had been to start an apprenticeship as an electrician shortly. "Glen was a lovely boy. He was very quiet and very studious. His parents are absolutely devastated. They can't believe this has happened."

David Carter, 37, drowned on Monday afternoon at Lybster Harbour, in Caithness, on the north coast of Scotland, during an effort to swim around a rock to raise money for charity. He had faltered in a strong swell.

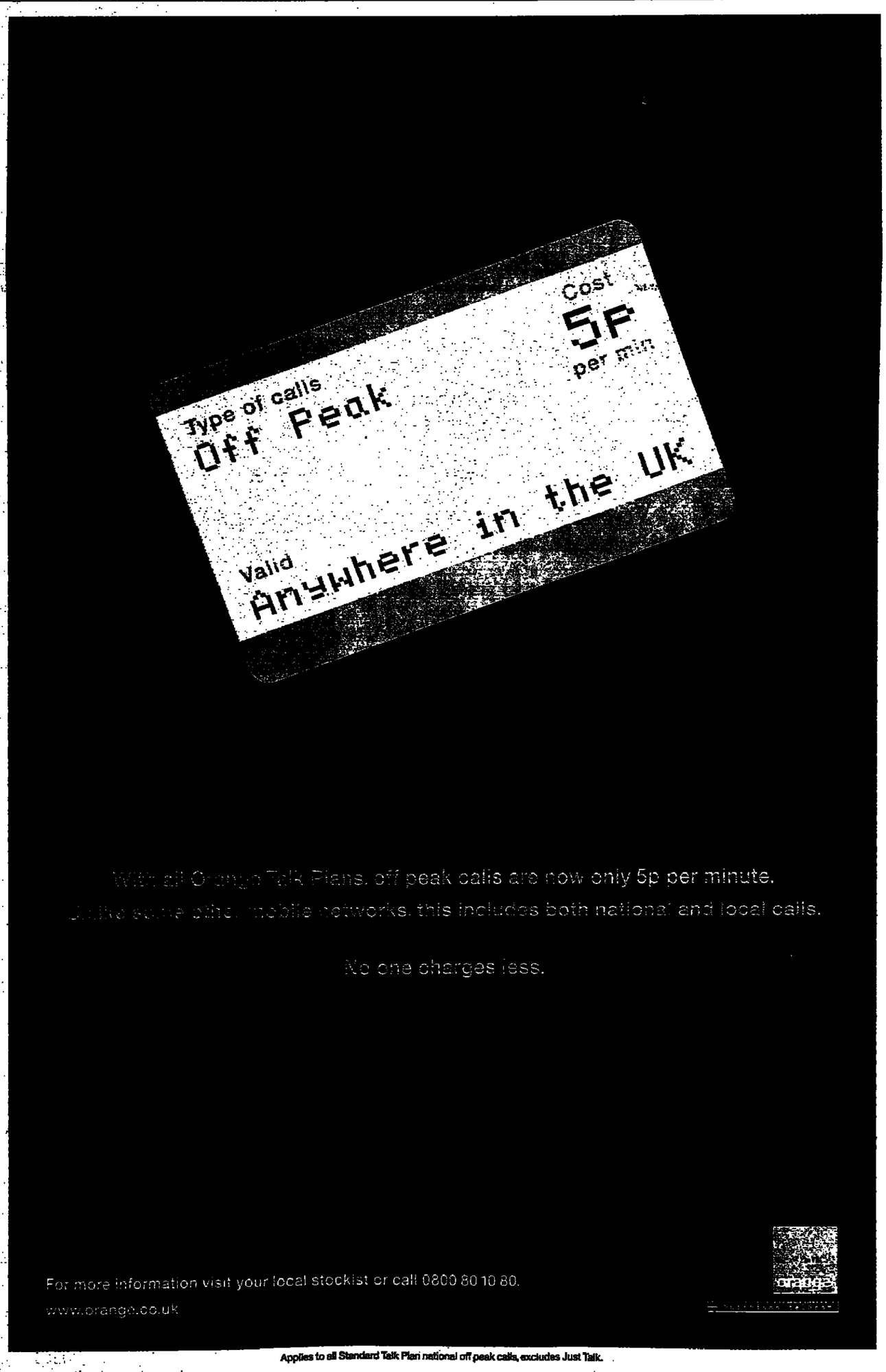
Yesterday, as holidaymakers were warned of the dangers of swimming in rivers and seas, forecasters said that the weather would be fresher today after temperatures reached 32C on Monday.

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Auditors expose scandal of the corrupt taxmen

Jailed 'fraudbuster' was not alone in accepting gifts and hospitality from suspects, reports **Polly Newton**

COLLEAGUES of the corrupt taxman Michael Allcock enjoyed lavish overseas trips and hospitality from the suspects they were sent to investigate, the Government spending watchdog reported yesterday.

The National Audit Office said that five other members of the tax squad set up to tackle fraud had been disciplined in the wake of the worst corruption scandal to afflict the Inland Revenue.

Allcock was jailed for five years in February last year after he was convicted of six offences, including accepting the services of a prostitute from a taxpayer and taking bribes worth £150,000.

Yesterday's report says that one of Allcock's managers was among five workers who also breached the Inland Revenue's conduct and discipline code. "Their failings included accepting excessive hospitality on official overseas visits to investigate taxpayers, accepting gifts and withholding information about these matters from the police," the report says.

It found that, on ten occasions between 1985 and 1991, staff working for the Inland Revenue's Special Compliance Office went abroad to investigate the tax affairs of people living overseas and allowed the subject of their investigation to foot all or part of the bill for the trip.

"The practice was confined largely to the London Special Compliance Office and to Mr Allcock's group in particular, to the extent that it was referred to within the London office as 'the Allcock approach' ", the report says.

All five of the inspectors were disciplined after an investigation by the Inland Revenue. Three were demoted and their salaries reduced by between £4,000 and £8,000. They were also fined amounts from £1,800 to £3,750.

The Inland Revenue reviewed the position of another eight managers who were senior to Allcock, but decided against formal disciplinary proceedings. Four have resigned or retired and one died in 1996.



Allcock, above, and how his deeds were reported in *The Times* last year

Businessmen 'gave taxman bribes of sex and holidays'

The Special Compliance Office, set up in 1992, is the Inland Revenue department that tracks down those who have not paid enough tax. Its staff, nicknamed ghostbusters, deal in cases that are too big or complex for local tax offices. In its first five years, the office pulled in an extra £2 billion in taxes.

The report says: "Organisational weaknesses in the office — for example, the failure to apply rules on the acceptance of hospitality — and weak controls over the management of investigations, which placed undue weight on the honesty and integrity of tax inspectors, combined to create an environment where a corrupt inspector intent on fraud could escape detection." In addition, it says, the case suggests that staff in the Special Compliance Office did not realise the standards of behaviour expected of them. The audit office recommends that the Inland Revenue should conduct regular surveys to ensure that staff know the rules, and that managers should be given a list of signals that could indicate corrupt behaviour by an employee. They include an extravagant lifestyle, attempts to persuade others to bend or break the rules and excuses offered on behalf of someone under investigation.

The report says: "With the benefit of hindsight, it is clear that Mr Allcock's extravagant lifestyle, unorthodox approach, acceptance of hospitality and gifts and poor documentation were warning signals that might have alerted his senior managers to the risks."

It says that the amount lost to the taxpayer as a result of Allcock's actions cannot be calculated. Information was missing from some of his case files and it was difficult to reassess the judgments he had made in reaching settlements with taxpayers.

The report reveals that, after Allcock was suspended without pay in January 1994, he received some £35,000 in discretionary hardship payments from the Inland Revenue. The money was paid under the organisation's conduct and discipline rules to ensure that his wife and son did not suffer financially.

The Inland Revenue is considering whether Allcock should forfeit some or all of his pension.

The audit office praises the Inland Revenue for committing "substantial time and resources" to its investigation. "If the improved controls are applied actively and consistently, and further action is taken in response to our recommendations, the risk of corruption in the Special Compliance Office should be substantially reduced."

The report will be considered by the Commons Public Accounts Committee.



ROSS PARRY

With love from over the ocean: David Matland with his bride, Jackie. He said: "We couldn't be happier"

Proposal that took 33 years

A ROMANTIC notion paid off for David Matland when he called up the girlfriend who rejected his marriage proposals in the 1960s. This time, their courtship has led to marriage.

The lawyer was visiting relatives in Brighton on a visit from Canada, where he has lived since his first rejections by Jackie Bedford. Browsing through old school photographs, he saw her picture and telephoned her. Both were by then divorced and she agreed to a meeting. Now, after a fresh courtship that featured some of their old love letters, she is going to Canada with him.

Yesterday she said: "Down the years I did think of him from time to time. Everything was right this time."

The couple first dated in 1963 at a dance hall near their homes in Brighton. For two years they were inseparable. In 1965, Mr Matland announced that he wanted to move to Canada, with her as his bride. She refused and he went without her. Two years later he returned for his brother's wedding and was rejected again.



The way they were: the young lovers in 1963

She said: "I think I was just too scared. I just didn't have the courage and he said goodbye again."

Both married in 1970, and they lost touch with each other until they met again from they raised families an ocean apart. She moved with her husband to Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. It was earlier this year that Mr Matland, now 56, was visiting Brighton, saw her photograph and got her new number from her uncle. She said: "It was the first time in 1963 in his mother's attic and we had a good look through them."

Business took him back to Canada, but they kept in contact through e-mail. On Valentine's Day, he rang from his home in Vancouver and proposed. Her daughters, Catherine, 25, and Sarah, 24, and his daughter Laurel, 27, were the witnesses when they married in Huddersfield register office.

The new Mrs Matland, 52, said: "By the time you get to 50, there is nothing holding you back. You just have to get [illegible]

"All [illegible] have grown up. I have read up on all the brochures and books about Canada and I can't wait to go."

Mr Matland said: "The funny thing is that she met her future husband at my leaving [illegible] about her happiness."

Saddam alert was leaked by sailor to pay debts

By Richard Duce

A CHIEF petty officer was told yesterday that he faces more than six months in jail for leaking details of an all-ports alert over a possible anthrax plot by Saddam Hussein. A newspaper paid Steven Hayden £10,000, which he spent on debt payments, bedroom furniture and a parrot.

Yesterday Hayden, 30, admitted breaking the Official Secrets Act by passing information to *The Sun*. Graham Parkinson, the Metropolitan Chief Stipendiary magistrate, had the power to jail him for six months, but decided that the case should go to the Old Bailey for sentence as the punishment needed to be longer to reflect the gravity of an offence that breached national security.

Hayden, who lives near Portsmouth, was arrested and questioned by Special Branch officers after reports last March that an alert had been issued to airports and ports that Saddam had possibly adulterated duty-free perfume with anthrax. The court heard that Hayden had access to naval intelligence and leaked the story to ease his financial difficulties.

David Lancaster, for Hayden, said he had overcoming debts. In addition, his marriage was in difficulties and some of the money had been spent on luxuries, including the bedroom furniture and parrot. "His wife's parents thought little of my client," Lancaster said. "They thought he was not good enough for their daughter in giving her the lifestyle she wanted."

Hayden's granting of immunity from prosecution means his [illegible] remained with the Royal Navy. He has also not been able to talk to any members of the press and has been confined to his home.

Mr Parkinson ordered that psychiatric and pre-sentence reports be prepared before Hayden is sentenced. The offence carries a maximum prison term of two years.

Academic fraudster arrested

AN ACADEMIC who defrauded Reading University of tens of thousands of pounds has been arrested while teaching at Warwick University, 18 months after she disappeared while awaiting sentence.

Soraya Yuksel, who absconded after being convicted of fraud at Reading Crown Court in February last year, was arrested on Monday after giving a lecture at Warwick, where she had obtained a job under her maiden name.

A university spokesman said: "She had been here for about a week and was employed on a temporary contract teaching English as a foreign language. Steps were being taken to check her references when another lecturer spotted her picture in a magazine and realised she was not who she said she was."

Uksel, 49, a mother of three, had claimed costs for non-existent courses at Reading University. At Reading Crown Court she admitted three charges of fraud and six charges of false accounting.

CORRECTIONS

A-level students will receive their results on August 20 and not (as stated in a leading article yesterday) tomorrow.

Although Professor Michael Kitson (obituary, yesterday) had separated from his wife, the former Annabella Leslie Cloudsley, in 1971, the marriage was never dissolved.

Sister seeks justice for last woman to hang

By Simon de Bruxelles

THE sister of Ruth Ellis, the last woman to be hanged in Britain, has begun an appeal to have her conviction for murder overturned.

Ellis was executed at Holloway Prison in 1955, aged 29, for the shooting of her lover, the racing driver David Blakely. The case has become one of the most celebrated of the century and been the subject of several books, television programmes and the film *Dance with a Stranger*.

Muriel Jakubait, 77, now says it is her "dying wish" to see her younger sister's conviction for murder reduced to manslaughter. The case is due to go before the Criminal Cases Review Commission later this month. It will be argued that the jury was not told that Ellis had been receiving psychiatric treatment and had suffered a miscarriage after being beaten by Blakely.

Mrs Jakubait, who lives in Woking, Surrey, said yesterday: "I have lived for 43 years with fingers pointing at me saying, 'That's the sister of the murderess Ruth Ellis'.

"But Ruth wasn't a murderess, people put her up to it. She was a lovely girl who did not receive the justice she was entitled to. I would love to see Ruth's name cleared. I don't expect a pardon — I accept that she killed Blakely — but she should have been convicted of manslaughter, not murder.

"It's my hope now that the whole truth will come out. I want to go to my Maker in peace, but that can only be achieved if the truth is known about my sister."



Ruth Ellis: executed for murder in 1955

Mrs Jakubait has asked two solicitors, Bernard and Lynne de Maid, to investigate the case. The couple, who have a legal practice in Cardiff, claim that only part of the story came out at Ellis's trial and that vital medical and other mitigating evidence was never heard.

Mrs de Maid, 44, said yesterday: "If Ruth Ellis were to appear in court today, she would probably have received a light sentence or been released on probation. At the time she shot Blakely she was receiving psychiatric treatment, although this was never mentioned in court.

"Two or three weeks before she killed him, Blakely punched Mrs Ellis in the stomach during an argument and she suffered a miscarriage. We also now know that she was given the gun, taught to shoot and then dropped off at the scene of the killing by Desmond Cousen, her sugar daddy, who probably put her up to it. His involvement was never mentioned."

Mrs de Maid read through the file on the prosecution in the Public Records Office and believes there are numerous other flaws in the way the case was presented.

Not least of Ellis's problems was the involvement of a solicitor hired by the *Daily Mirror* to represent her. In 1973, the solicitor, then near the end of his life, made a statement to detectives.

What he told them was considered so sensitive that it was sealed until 2003. Mrs de Maid said: "The fact that his fee was being paid by the *Daily Mirror* makes one wonder who his client really was: Mrs Ellis or the newspaper. I suspect he was racked by conscience over his failure to represent her properly.

"Mrs Ellis told him at the outset of Cousen's involvement but then said she didn't want him to use the information. He should have walked away from the case. Instead he carried on, but did not even mention Cousen to her barrister."

Mrs de Maid added: "It will go before the Criminal Cases Review Commission and, hopefully, in view of Mrs Jakubait's age, they will deal with it as a priority case." The commission will decide whether to refer the case back to the Court of Appeal.

Britons kill hungry polar bears

By Richard Duce

TWO hungry polar bears had to be shot dead after they invaded the Arctic campsite of a British expedition from Durham University.

Members of the 17-strong expedition tried everything to distract the two bears: they blew whistles, banged pots and pans and fired bullets over their heads. But to no avail. When the first intruder ran at one man, there was no option but to shoot to kill.

The next day, a second bear arrived at the camp on one of the islands of the Norwegian-administered Svalbard archipelago and when it, too, began to act aggressively, the decision was made to open fire again.

Although bear-hunting has been banned since 1972, Norwegian law allows the giant carnivores to be killed in self-defence. Both bears, capable of killing with a single sweep of a claw, were young adults and had probably only recently left their mothers to fend for themselves.

Rune Hansen, acting governor of the islands, said yesterday: "The group were right to shoot. The bears were particularly dangerous as they had not yet learnt to fear humans. They are especially hungry in the summer because food is scarce. The expedition members behaved in a reasonable and sensible way."

There are about 20,000 polar bears in the wild. The population is thought to be stable but the species is protected by an international agreement.

The Durham expedition, led by Marcus Barton, from Manchester, is expected to stay in the region until Friday. Until then they will keep their heavy-calibre rifles close at hand.

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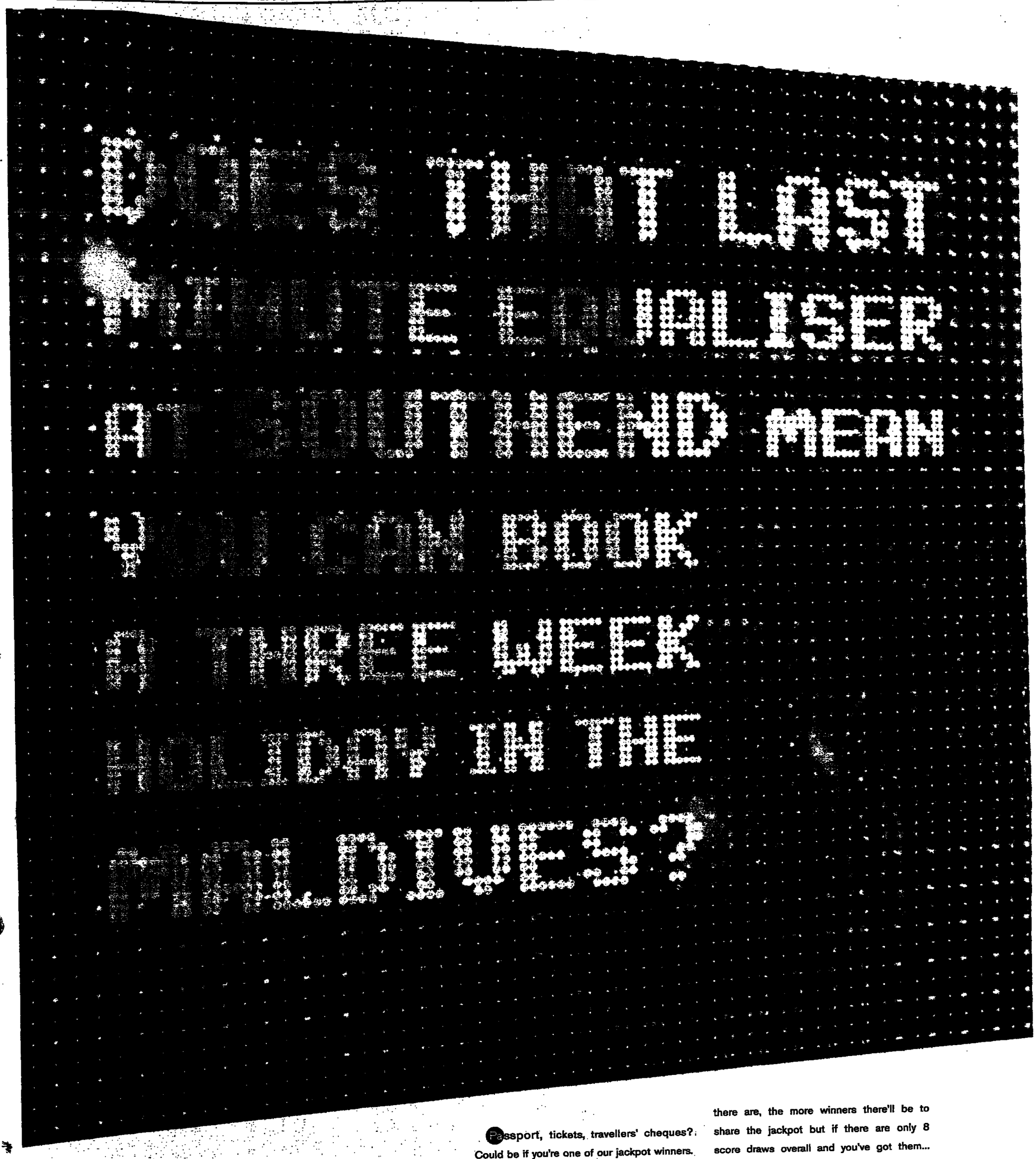
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Advertisers are warned not to mock religion

Carol Midgley on complaints generated by images selling jeans and lager

ADVERTISERS who mock and trivialise religion were told yesterday that their actions could backfire. The use of religious figures to sell products such as jeans and lager prompts more complaints than any other subject.

The Advertising Standards Authority upheld complaints against International Paper UK for using a picture in the national press of a woman outside a stained glass door with the headline "Jesus he loves me ... Come fill your letterbox with joy" to advertise writing paper. More than 120 people complained that the image was blasphemous and offensive, making it the most complained-about advertisement this year.

The most complaints for a single advertisement — 1,192 — came in 1995, when a leaflet for the British Safety Council featured a picture of Pope John Paul II in a safety helmet, with the slogan: "Eleventh Commandment: Thou shalt always wear a condom."

Last month the authority told Diesel Jeans that it must stop using a poster featuring four young women dressed as nuns from the waist up, wearing jeans and holding rosaries under the headline "Superior Denim". Some posters also featured a picture of the Virgin Mary in jeans. Ninety-five people complained that the images were deeply offensive. Diesel argued that the Virgin Mary image had been removed from posters in London, Dublin and Belfast, but the authority ruled that depicting "nuns as sexual beings was unacceptable".

In its monthly bulletin yesterday, it said religious imagery in advertisements was normally more prevalent at Christmas, but this year had already seen a high number of such campaigns. A spokesman said: "Advertisers need to strike a balance between creativity and sensitivity. Using religious references can cause offence, especially if presented in a way that could be seen as disrespectful or mocking.

"We acknowledge that the language and style of the Bible is part of our shared common culture and it might be acceptable for advertisers to use it light-heartedly, but they overstep the mark when they use figureheads like the Virgin Mary, the Pope, Jesus or from any other religion in a trivialising way. The public objects strongly."

He said that, in a recent survey, 78 per cent of those questioned agreed that disrespectful references to any religion should never be allowed.

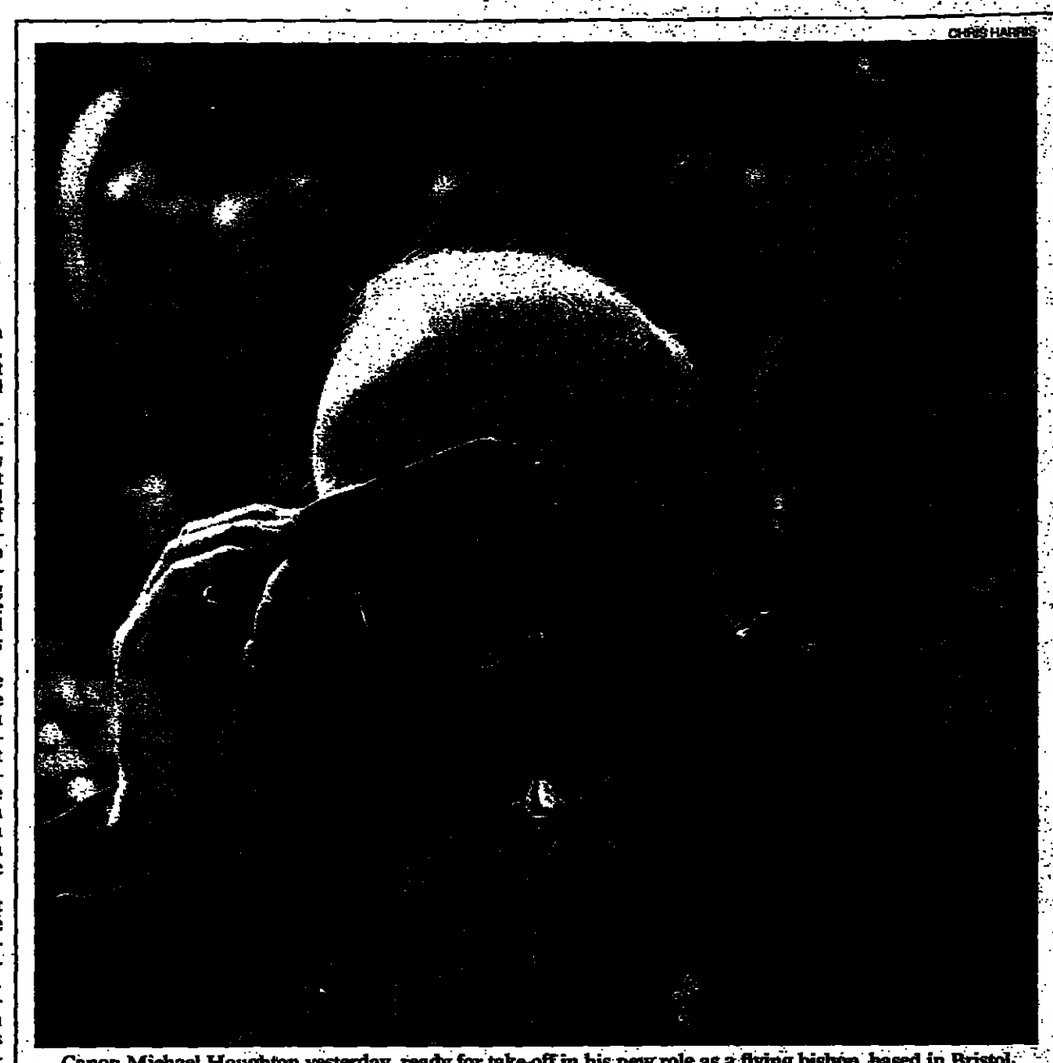
The authority recently upheld a complaint about an advertisement for Stella Artois Dry. Five Hare Krishna followers were depicted alongside a caption suggesting that they wanted to drink the beer. The National Council of Hindu Temples said the association of alcoholic drinks with Hindu monks was offensive.

The authority's research also showed that the public was increasingly concerned about the use of swearing and rude gestures. The spokesman said: "One of the main culprits for this year was the French Connection campaign FCUK. A number of people were offended and the majority of complaints were upheld."

☐ An advertisment for Audi cars, showing an open road and a squashed toy rabbit, has been criticised as irresponsible. The authority said the use of a toy was ambiguous and could imply that a child had been the victim of an accident. Audi has withdrawn the advertisement.



Diesel was told to drop its posters of nuns and the Virgin Mary in jeans after 95 people complained



CHRIS HARRIS

Canon Michael Houghton yesterday, ready for take-off in his new role as a flying bishop, based in Bristol

New bishop flies to the rescue

Ruth Gledhill reports on a reassurance for opponents of women priests

A NEW "flying bishop" was appointed yesterday, giving opponents of women priests further reassurance that their place in the Church of England is secure.

Canon Michael Houghton, vicar of St Peter's, Folkestone, will succeed the Right Rev John Richards, who retires as Bishop of Ebbsfleet in October.

Although officially "provincial episcopal visitors", the men appointed to care pastorally for opponents of women priests are known as flying bishops because they travel between parishes to preach, celebrate Communion and carry out confirmations.

Three flying bishops were appointed to minister to opponents of women priests under the Act of Synod passed to protect traditionalists after the Church voted to ordain women priests in November 1992. Of 13,000 parishes in the Church of England, up to a third contain parishioners who oppose women priests, but fewer than 1,000 have voted not to accept the ministry of women and to seek the care of a flying bishop.

Canon Houghton, whose own parish requested a flying bishop, will be based in Bristol and will look after 86 out of about 4,000 parishes in the western half of the Canterbury province. The Right Rev Edwin Barnes has care of the traditionalist parishes in the eastern half of the province and the Right Rev John Gaisford, Bishop of Beverley, cares for traditionalists in the northern province of York.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, said he would work closely with Canon Houghton in caring for the clergy and churches in his province. He said he envisaged a wider pastoral and advisory role for the flying bishops than simply looking after the minority of parishes that had voted not to have women priests. "I am glad to say the system has worked very well."

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TV crew charged over film of knife attack

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A TELEVISION crew making a fly-on-the-wall crime documentary for the BBC has been charged with perverting the course of justice by detectives investigating an attempted murder.

The four-man crew gathering material for a programme in BBC2's *Modern Times* series will appear in court next month. They were working for an independent production company that had a £100,000 contract to follow a known gangland figure in the North West of England for the programme.

During filming in Manchester city centre last month, a 29-year-old man from Leeds was stabbed outside a nightclub. He almost died through blood loss.

A British Transport Police officer driving home tried to detain the attacker, but was injured and was forced to let the attacker go.

Police thought the television crew might have caught the stabbing on film. The filmmakers from AVP Films, based in Derby, were arrested after allegations that the tape had been tampered with.

A 38-year-old man believed by police to have carried out the attack then went on the run. It emerged that the man, whose name cannot be published, had been on bail charged with threatening to kill three police officers who had stopped him while driving on Boxing Day.

Yesterday Greater Manchester Police said that Norman Hull, 48, a television director from Derbyshire; Marcus Sulley, 34, a producer from London; Christopher Bairstow, 33, a cameraman from London; and Simon Sulley, 36, another cameraman from Derbyshire, would appear before magistrates in Manchester on September 14.

Last week the suspect made contact with his lawyer from abroad to say that he would not be returning. A judge at Minshull Street Crown Court, Manchester, who was due to preside over his trial on threats to kill charges issued a warrant for his arrest.

Vandals cause most rail accidents

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

VANDALISM is now the biggest cause of railway accidents, it emerged yesterday as safety inspectors announced record levels of malicious damage across the network.

Six out of ten accidents were caused by vandalism last year. Accidents involving actions such as stones and bricks thrown at cab drivers' windows or obstructions placed on railway lines rose by more than 25 per cent, from 887 in 1996-97 to 1,137.

Excluding suicides and trespasser deaths, the number of people killed on the railways rose from a record low of 25 in 1996-97 to 47 in 1997-98. Seventeen of those were passengers who died in accidents not involving a train collision, with the remainder being three railway staff and 20 non-passengers, 14 of whom were killed at railway crossings.

There was only one train accident involving passenger fatalities at Southall, West London, last September, in which seven people died.

Frank Davies, chairman of the Health and Safety Commission said he was "horrified" at the vandalism figures. "If this dangerous behaviour continues, I believe that it is only a matter of time before there will be a major train accident and loss of life."

Lowest number of new nurses for a decade

BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE number of nurses qualifying in the profession has fallen to the lowest level since records began a decade ago. The figures would be even worse were it not for a jump in the numbers training here from overseas, who now make up more than a quarter of all those being admitted to the professional register.

The statistics published today by the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting show an accelerating fall in the numbers completing their training. Only 16,382 qualified this year, including an all-time-high of 4,300 from overseas. This compares with a total of 17,984 who qualified last year and 22,164 in 1991.

For the first time, more than half of those on the register are aged over 40. Only 3.6 per cent are under 25 while 11.6 per cent are over 50. The proportion under 40 has been falling, partly because fewer are training but also because so many are leaving the profession for better-paid jobs or motherhood.

There is a real danger that, as time goes by, there will not be enough nurses qualifying to replace those reaching the retirement age of 55. Figures released last week showed that the number of students fell by 15 per cent over the past four years and there are fewer applications for places than there are places available.

People entering nurse training are doing so at a later stage. A third of them are over 29 when they decide to start training, which means they have fewer years of service before retirement.

Given the ageing population and better medical techniques, more nurses are required to look after the elderly and chronically ill. Almost a quarter of full-time nurses are employed to look after old people or the mentally ill. This compares with just over 10 per cent who work on general surgical and medical wards.

The one bright note more men are joining the profession. The proportion of male nurses has risen to 9.38 per cent from 8.37 per cent in 1990. Since they are less likely to quit the profession and prefer full-time work they make a disproportionate contribution to the workload.

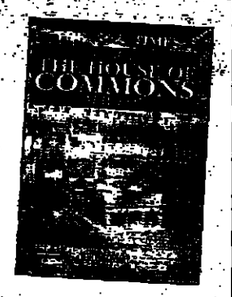
Christine Hancock, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, said that the Government was facing a crisis in nurse shortages. "Not only are people turning their back on entering the profession but the average age of nurses is rising. A quarter of registered nurses will be eligible for retirement by 2000."

She said that hospitals were being forced to go abroad to fill vacancies. "This is a fire-fighting measure — not a long-term solution. Nurses' pay must be increased to a level which will help recruit people into nursing."

The figures also show the number of practising midwives was at the lowest level since the central council's records began. The shortage is exacerbated by the fact that a more are working part-time.

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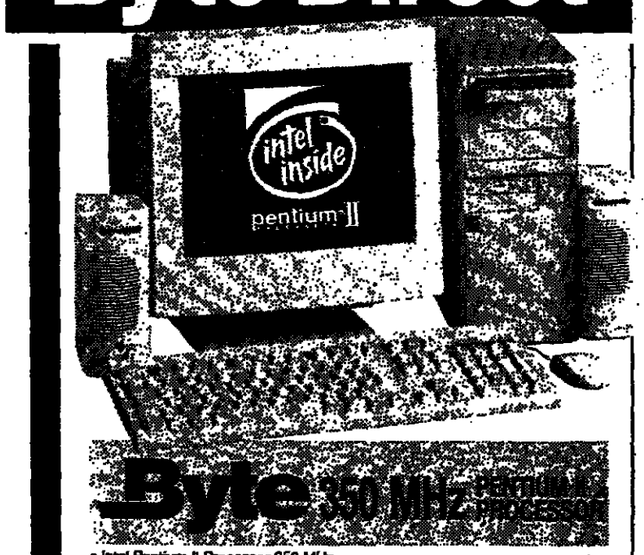
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Butcher and baker give way to commuter

Village that once teemed with life has lost both its annual fairs and half its population, writes Alan Jenkins



Today *The Times* continues its series on how scenes depicted by great British artists have endured



NATIONAL GALLERIES OF SCOTLAND

The gable end of Pitlessie's alehouse stands out in Sir David Wilkie's 1804 painting. Today the building is the home of the Sinclair family, below centre, who love its character

DAVID WILKIE, son of the Manse, was still in his teens when he embarked on the rumbustious painting of a village scene he first called *The Country Fair* for fear of giving offence to the local folk. But to anyone knowing the village of Pitlessie, the location was unmistakable.

It still is today, and this little Fife community six miles west of Cupar on the A92 to Kirkcaldy has named its village hall after him.

The solid gable end of the alehouse in the background of his 1804 painting looks much the same, given the addition of four chimney pots, but Burnbrae — or, more prosaically, 12 High Street — is no longer an alehouse. Patricia Sinclair, who lives there with her husband, a sales director, and young family, says: "I fell for it as soon as I saw it and we love this friendly village."

The burn still flows beside their garden, its well-tended grassy banks bright with blossom. Wilkie's preparatory drawing in black chalk shows more clearly than his imaginative painting what the village really looked like. He even numbered the buildings to indicate in his notes what they were built from.

The tiled and thatched cottages in front of the inn were demolished early this century and their stone facades were used for a garden wall. The building on the left has also vanished.

The mill house across the fields, where Wilkie's mother, Isabella, grew up, is still occupied and locals estimate that there must be at least half a dozen 18th-century cottages in the village that Wilkie would recognise if he were to return today. But as one remarked: "The heart has gone from his village." The population has dropped from close on 700 to about 330, and the two annual fairs have long disappeared.

In the High Street the butcher, baker and cobbler have all gone, in their place are only the newsagent and general store. The 17th-century Pitlessie Arms is still there, with a print of the painting dominating Wilkie's Restaurant. Outside stands a sign declaring this to be the best-kept village in East Fife.

Certainly the village has a well-heeled look, and the 19th-century Maltings, which dominate the approach from the east, have recently been developed to provide houses and flats.

Sir David Wilkie, RA, was born half a mile away at Cults Manse in 1785, third son of the third wife of the Rev David Wilkie. The house where he grew up and painted *Pitlessie Fair* is known now as Kirkton House.

The simple church next door, built during his father's ministry, still has the original pews where Master Wilkie secretly drew characters from the congregation, just as he had drawn his school friends in chalk in the classroom of the parish school.

Wilkie used 140 models for his painting, among them his own father, seen talking to a publican, his brothers and sisters, his father's prominent parishioners and a motley assortment of high and low life. Pitlessie drew its population from farm, quarry and malt workers, and every kind of trade. Now most of its working population commutes daily by car to places such as Glenrothes or Cupar.

Almost certainly Wilkie included at least some of the 16 members of the Garland family who lived in the village at the time. The Garlands have lived in Pitlessie since 1700, as their headstones in the churchyard testify. Elder Garland continues a family tradition as a joiner and his wife, Karen, a Londoner, is session clerk of the kirk and a doughty worker in Pitlessie's social life.

Another incomer is the successor to Wilkie's father's ministry. The Rev Marion Paton came from Bournemouth to study at St Andrews, became a probationer eight years ago and now has charge of Cults and three adjacent parishes.

Art pilgrims from many parts of the world visit Cults: one of the latest names in the visitors' book is that of Alfred Marks, "Wilkie scholar, University of North Carolina".

For the artist's bicentenary in 1985, some of them dressed in period costume to recreate Pitlessie Fair, with stalls and games on the site of the painting. Maggie Lawrie, an artist who lives in the schoolhouse, painted figures from the picture as cutouts, still on show in the church. There, a marble tablet above the pulpit pays tribute to "a painter of domestic scenes whose works were the ornament alike of the palace and the cottage".

Pitlessie Fair and Wilkie's preliminary drawing are in the National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh. The main painting leaves for an exhibition in Berlin in mid-August.

NEXT: *The Customs House, Liverpool, Looking North*, by Atkinson Grimshaw



Pill victim's mother urges stricter rules

BY DEBORAH COLLCUTT

THE mother of a girl who was put on the Pill without her parents' consent at the age of 14, and suffered a fatal stroke, has appealed to the medical profession to take a more responsible approach to sex education.

Jenny Bacon, whose daughter Caroline died after two months in a coma, aged 16, says she was failed by the doctors and experts who should have cared for her.

Caroline was prescribed a third-generation oral contraceptive at a local clinic although she suffered from migraines. According to her mother, she should never have been allowed to take the Pill. Mrs Bacon says she has learnt that the Pill can cause serious side-effects in migraine sufferers and she claims that doctors should have been aware of the dangers. Mrs Bacon wants stricter guidelines on oral contraceptives being prescribed to girls under 16 without their parents' consent.

The Prime Minister has asked the Health Department to re-examine the case. An inquest into Caroline's death in 1994 found she died from natural causes brought on by broncho-pneumonia.

Elderly in care win the right to protect savings

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

ELDERLY people gained rights yesterday to protect their savings under legislation that will force local councils to pay the care-home fees of those with little or no money.

Under the legislation, councils will have a legal duty to start paying for some of the cost of the care as soon as a person's savings falls below £16,000. When only £10,000 is left, councils will have to pay the fees in full.

The Community Care (Residential Accommodation) Act states that there should be no "undue delay" in the council picking up all or part of the fees. It should end anxiety among the elderly about the reluctance of councils to stick to government rules on which care-home residents they should help.

The issue had supposedly been settled last year in a High Court ruling against Sefton council on Merseyside, but many authorities continued to flout the law or to delay paying any fees until elderly people had virtually no savings left. Sefton had insisted that the elderly paid their own bills until all they had was £1,500 — about the price of a funeral.

Help the Aged said that it knew of 2,000 cases where residents of homes had been forced to pay their own bills even though they had less than the savings threshold. Gail Elkington, of the charity, welcomed the Act but gave warning that councils might still try to avoid paying the fees by claiming that there were no suitable care-home places available for all the people who needed them. "It does nothing to ease the distress caused to many older people when a local authority puts them on a waiting list for a place in care," she said.

She added said that authorities should make it a policy to step in earlier when the savings of those in long-term care neared £16,000 and should not wait until savings had dropped below the threshold.

The Local Government Association said the Act would place town hall resources under strain. The problem highlighted the need for councils to be allowed to raise more funds locally, a spokeswoman said.

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Whitewater partner back in court accused of using conductor's cash



Mehta: left personal accounts in her care

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

SUSAN McDOUGAL, the Clintons' former Whitewater partner, has gone on trial in California in a separate case, accused of embezzling more than $150,000 (£92,000) from the conductor Zubin Mehta.

Mrs McDougal has already spent nearly two years in jail for refusing to co-operate with Kenneth Starr's Whitewater investigation.

Barely a month after her release, she was back in court this week for the jury selection in a case in which lawyers will allege that she forged cheque signatures and credit card applications to live above her means while working for Mr Mehta and his wife.

Nancy Mehta, a former television actress, hired Mrs McDougal as a personal assistant in 1989 and eventually entrusted her with managing the couple's five sumptuous rental properties in Malibu and Brentwood, as well as keeping their personal accounts.

For one of Whitewater's most hapless casualties, the job was heaven sent. Mrs McDougal, estranged from her husband, James McDougal, long before his death from cancer last year, came to California from Arkansas with her new fiancé in 1988 after defaulting on a $300,000 small business loan.

Desperate for money, she omitted all mention of the Whitewater scandal from her CV when applying for a secretarial job with the son of Armand Hammer, the controversial oil magnate. She was hired, but dismissed ten months later because "the work wasn't getting done", her employer said.

Jailed in 1996 for not testifying to the Whitewater grand jury, Mrs McDougal has also served three months of a separate two-year sentence for fraudulently obtaining the $300,000 loan, spent on an unprofitable mobile home development.

She was released early last month because of a bad back and sat stiffly in court, wearing a brace under her dress. She now stands accused of lavishing the Mehtas' money on clothes, luxury items and trips to visit her fiancé, who was working at a Texas law firm.

Judge Leslie Light emphasised to potential jurors that the Whitewater saga "has no part whatsoever in this trial". Lawyers on both sides are, meanwhile, at pains to select a panel untainted by the intense publicity that has long surrounded Mrs McDougal.

In reality, the cases are closely linked. Mrs McDougal begins this trial depicted in the American media as a pawn in Mr Starr's relentless investigation of the President. Moreover, her lawyer has said that he hopes to make Whitewater a central plank of his defence — despite the judge's remarks.

The case holds real dangers, however, for the Clintons. Evidence presented at a preliminary hearing in 1994 has already shown that Mrs McDougal, a close friend of theirs in their Arkansas years, is at best a poor businesswoman and at worst a habitual felon with a dangerous fondness for the good life.

In all, she is charged with 12 counts of grand theft, forgery, credit card fraud and misappropriating funds. She faces up to eight more years in jail if convicted — a prospect that may yet weaken her resolve not to talk to Mr Starr.



McDougal: friend of Clintons in Arkansas

Killer of Cosby's son jailed for life

FROM REUTERS IN SANTA MONICA

MIKAIL Markhasev, the Ukrainian immigrant convicted of murdering comedian Bill Cosby's son during a botched robbery, was yesterday sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole.

A six-woman, six-man jury last month found Markhasev, 19, guilty of the January 16, 1997, murder of 27-year-old Ennis Cosby, a doctoral candidate at Columbia University. During the three-week trial prosecutors said Markhasev was high on drugs at the time and looking for money to buy more.

Because Markhasev was convicted of committing murder during an attempted robbery, and using a firearm, Superior Court Judge David Perez had no choice but to sentence him to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Prosecutors did not seek capital punishment in the case because of Markhasev's age.

Bill Cosby and his wife were not in court but about a dozen relatives, including one of the two Cosby daughters, sobbed as Ennis's uncle Eric Hanks delivered an emotional tribute in the "victim's impact" statement.

Boys are found guilty of US school killings

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

TWO boys were yesterday convicted of killing four fellow pupils and a teacher when they opened fire on a school playground with handguns and rifles.

They faced a juvenile courtroom packed with the relatives of their victims.

Mitchell Johnson, appearing on his 14th birthday, pleaded guilty to five counts of murder and ten counts of battery. Andrew Golden, 12, was found guilty of the same charges after his plea of insanity was rejected by the judge.

The pair had orchestrated an ambush in which they set off a fire alarm at Westside Middle School in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and hid in nearby woodland as pupils trooped into the yard. Four girls and a teacher died as they opened fire, and ten others were wounded in the hail of bullets.

Because they were tried in a juvenile court, the boys were found guilty of delinquency, rather than murder, and were facing several years in youth detention rather than the death penalty. Under Arkansas law they could not be tried as adults and the state does not have a facility to jail them beyond the age of 18.

They were led into court in handcuffs amid tight security, and made to pass through metal detectors as more than 100 grieving relatives of their victims and members of school staff looked on.

Johnson, holding his mother's hand and with his father's hand on his shoulder, told Judge Ralph Wilson that he understood the charges and pleaded guilty. But while his mother, Gretchen Woodard, said the boy understood what he was doing, his father said that he did not agree with the plea but that his son had taken the advice of his lawyer.

Golden's counsel, Val Price, said that the evidence that the boy had committed the acts was overwhelming, but he said his client had been mentally incompetent. "My client today does not understand the nature of the proceedings," Mr Price said. But the judge had previously rejected this claim. His ruling was protected by a gag order and details were not disclosed.

The killings were the worst in a spate of school shootings that have caused much national soul-searching about the easy access children have to guns. Feelings have run high because of the leniency of the maximum sentences possible under Arkansas law. Juveniles can be given sentences taking them to the age of 21 but youth detention centres can only house them until they are 18, when they have to be freed.

Arkansas judges have recommended that in such cases convicts should be transferred to adult prisons, but the law has yet to be changed.

Mitchell Wright, whose wife, Shannon, died in hospital after shielding one of her pupils from the bullets with her body, said in an interview before the trial: "They'll be free before my three-year-old son is old enough for me to explain what happened to his mother. We want to know why. Whatever reason they had won't justify what they did. But at least we could get some 'why'."



Mitchell Johnson: had 14th birthday yesterday

RODNEY FREEMAN / JONESBORO SUN



Andrew Golden, 12, is rushed into the Jonesboro courthouse for the hearing

Australia hunt for missing British tourist

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIAN police yesterday launched a search for a British backpacker who has been missing for nearly a month. Celena Bridge, 28, from Carlisle, has not been seen since July 13. She had been on holiday in the Fraser Island and Sunshine Coast area north of Brisbane.

A keen bushwalker, Ms Bridge, who kept in regular contact with her family, last telephoned home on July 12. Queensland police were alerted after her fiancé, Jonathan Watt, who was due to meet her when he flew into Brisbane at the weekend, reported her missing.

Trudi McKechnie, head of the Queensland Missing Persons Unit, said Ms Bridge was regarded as a very reliable person who did not miss appointments. She said it was possible the young backpacker had got lost or been injured while exploring the rugged hinterland behind the Sunshine Coast. Ms Bridge and Mr Watt, also from the Carlisle area, were keen environmentalists.

She was last seen at the Crystal Waters permaculture village near Maleny, north of Brisbane, on July 13. Barry O'Connell, manager of a campsite there, said last night that he remembered chatting to the Briton when she paid her overnight fee.

He recalled she only stayed one night because she was thinking of going "woofing" — the local term for working on organic farms in exchange for accommodation.

Crystal Waters is home to about 200 people, many of them alternative lifestylers. "It's a very friendly community," Mr O'Connell said. He believed Ms Bridge would almost certainly have had to hitch a lift to and from the campsite, as there was no public transport in the district. "It's a fairly safe area and she clearly got here all right," he said.

Police, who admit they are concerned for her safety, are expected to comb the area in more detail today. Ms Bridge is the latest in a long line of young British tourists to have gone missing in recent years while holidaying in Australia. They include Joanne Walters and Caroline Clarke, whose bodies were found in bushland near Sydney. Roadworker Ivan Milat, who was later found guilty of murdering them and five other young backpackers, is now serving a life sentence.

☐ **Canberra:** Australia's sparsely populated Northern Territory will become the nation's seventh state in the year 2001 if its people vote for the change, John Howard, the Prime Minister, said yesterday. *(Reuters)*

Hollywood mentor defends Clinton before grand jury

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

HARRY THOMASON, the Hollywood television producer who choreographed President Clinton's denial of sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky, was summoned before the grand jury yesterday.

He completed his evidence in only 90 minutes and told reporters afterwards he remains convinced that Mr Clinton is telling the truth.

At Hillary Clinton's request, Mr Thomason, a close friend of the Clintons since their Arkansas days, travelled from California to Washington the day after the Lewinsky story broke in January. He stayed on at the White House for most of the next five weeks to bolster the President's spirits and to plan a counterattack against Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor.

Mr Thomason, deciding that Mr Clinton's first denial was too weak, helped to craft the more forceful statement in which the President wagged his finger and declared that he had had no sexual relations with "that woman . . . Miss Lewinsky". Mr Thomason later told *The New Yorker* that he was pleased with Mr Clinton's performance, although the phrase "that woman" bothered him. "With all the hullabaloo, her name just escaped him," he said.

In summoning Mr Thomason, Mr Starr is obviously trying to ferret out evidence of presidential confidences that run counter to his denial, but the chances of finding any are slim. Mr Thomason is on record as being positive that "nothing happened between him and Monica".

The President has been indebted before to Mr Thomason who, with his wife Linda Bloodworth-Thomason, produced the syrupy video biography that introduced Mr Clinton to the nation at his Democratic nomination convention in 1992.

When Mr Clinton made a boring speech at the convention four years earlier, Mr Thomason arranged an appearance on NBC's *Tonight Show* where the future President salvaged his reputation by poking fun at himself and playing his saxophone.

Washington is on tenterhooks awaiting Mr Clinton's risky appearance before the grand jury on Monday, but he is said firmly to have rejected advice from some aides that he should avoid "telling all". As the aides see it, Mr Clinton could repeat his broad denial to the grand jury but refuse to answer specific questions.

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$100,000 offer for that dress

MONICA LEWINSKY has been offered $100,000 (£61,700) for her infamous blue dress, still undergoing FBI tests for alleged traces of President Clinton's semen (Ian Brodie writes).

The offer comes from Jesse Briggs, a hairdresser in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, who, with an eye to publicity, wrote out a cheque and said that Ms Lewinsky could collect it by bringing the dress to his Yellow Strawberry Global Hair Salon.

Triumphant Taleban drive back Shia foes

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

TALEBAN fighters stormed into vast new areas of territory yesterday, waving flags in triumph and menacing the last bastions of opposition to their control of Afghanistan. Ninety per cent of the country is now under their rule, threatening regional instability.

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a former Prime Minister and once commander of the Afghanistan's biggest military force, was reported to have been killed by Taleban gunmen. Several hours later he went on Iranian radio and announced: "I am not dead."

Mr Hekmatyar's broadcast confirmed Iran's involvement in defending its Afghan interests — principally the Shia minority, encircled in an area near Bamiyan. They are well armed and occupy a natural fortress amid mountains.

But Taleban claimed to have occupied a vast amount of territory in surrounding areas controlled by Hezb-i-Wahdat, the Shia faction. The only other opposition stronghold, held northeast of Kabul by General Ahmed Shah Masood, the Tajik leader, is also under siege. General Masood admitted that his forces withdrew from Taloqan, capital of Takhar province, after a nine-hour Taleban bombardment yesterday. He has retreated into his stronghold in the Panjshir Valley.

Russia yesterday accused Pakistan of giving military support to the extremists and of direct involvement in the conflict.

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CIA claims it foiled five other plots by terrorists

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

THE CIA, hugely embarrassed by its failure to identify the vulnerability of America's East African embassies to terrorist attack, has claimed that it successfully thwarted five other recent plots.

Last week's bombings were the second serious blunder by the agency this year, the first being the debacle of India's nuclear tests, which caught the intelligence community wholly by surprise.

The CIA says that it foiled two strikes against embassies last year that were in an advanced stage of planning. It also says that it unravelled three other less-developed conspiracies. But it refuses to say what the targets were or how the plots were uncovered.

The claims come as agents continue to sift rubble at the two bomb sites for clues to the culprits' identities, while mourning the loss of an intelligence officer in the Nairobi blast. The officer will not be named.

The spotlight has been on the CIA since Congress described its ignorance of the Indian nuclear tests as a "colossal failure". A report commissioned by George Tenet, the agency's director, said such failures revealed chronic flaws in US intelligence.

There was criticism yesterday of the Clinton Administration for cutting back on CIA agents in Africa. Porter Goss, the chairman of the House Select Committee on Intelligence and a former CIA case officer, said: "If you cut back on your coverage of intelligence, are there consequences? I would say yes."

The CIA would not be drawn on funding, but made a point of saying that it was "approaching a time of reviewing budgets for next year to make sure our programmes are properly funded".

The twin bombings have also ignited the debate over embassy security. In 1985, in the wake of a string of terrorist outrages, a report by Robert Inman, a retired admiral, called for an estimated $3.5 billion (£2.1 billion) of work to make embassies safer by building high walls and moving them to locations away from main roads. The State Department requested $2.7 billion but received $880 million from Congress.

Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, said not all embassies could be turned into fortresses because they had to be accessible to Americans abroad and the people of the cities in which they were situated. But she said she would be holding discussions with Congress about funding.

Ms Albright flew to Germany yesterday to accompany the bodies of 11 Americans back to the United States. President Clinton cut short a three-day fundraising and speaking tour, and is expected to be at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington when the bodies arrive.

Work by a US search-and-rescue team in the Nairobi embassy is expected to finish today. The FBI will then take complete charge of the site, which includes a car park where the bomb exploded. "The FBI has not been able to operate at full capacity yet because of the recovery work inside our building," an embassy spokesman said. "The inside of the chancery is a complete mess. There has been a lot of trouble even reaching some officers."

The FBI is working with the Criminal Investigations Department and the Kenyan police. Witness accounts are still being collected and examined. Among them is the testimony of an injured Kenyan guard at the embassy, who says he saw five "Arab-looking men" drive a vehicle into the car park before opening fire on a US Marine and detonating the bomb.

THOMAS COEX / AFP



An FBI agent takes away debris from the wrecked Nairobi embassy yesterday in the search for bombing clues

Rescue teams toil round the clock in Nairobi rubble

FROM DAVID ORR IN NAIROBI AND INIGO GILMORE IN DAR ES SALAAM

RESCUERS again worked through the night in the search for more bodies in the rubble of an office block levelled by last Friday's embassy bomb blast in Nairobi.

It is not thought that anyone is left alive in the debris, and no more bodies are expected to be found in the badly damaged US Embassy, the target of the attack. However, five Kenyan embassy staff are still missing.

The unofficial death toll from the explosion was last night more than 240. Kenya's National Disaster Centre put the official toll at 218. The centre said that 244 people were still in hospital, seven in intensive care. More than 5,000 people were injured by the bomb.

Tanzanian police yesterday confirmed that they had arrested 14 "foreigners" in connection with the bombing of the American Embassy in Dar es Salaam. Ten people died and about 75 were wounded in an almost simultaneous blast in the Tanzanian city. Aden Mwamunyange, the Assistant Police Commissioner, told a news conference that the suspects were six Iraqis, six Sudanese, a Somali national and a Turk.

The suspects had failed to produce their passports and explain their presence in the country, he said. There is concern that the Tanzanian authorities, which are under pressure to find those responsible, may have made a routine round-up of Arab nationals from countries that traditionally are linked to Islamic fundamentalism.

The Sudanese suspects include one person who claimed to work for the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Dar es Salaam and five others who said they were visitors. One claimed to be 15 years old.

The Iraqis included a civil servant, an engineer, a teacher, a telecommunications technician and an agricultural engineer. The Somali suspect claimed to be working for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. No details were given of the Turkish national.



Bergen: would pick her own stories

Actress reporter makes the news

BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN

IN A case of life imitating art — or television imitating television — Candice Bergen, the actress who played a reporter for a decade in the series *Murphy Brown*, could shortly be working as a correspondent for CBS on *60 Minutes*, perhaps the most respected news programme on US television.

Ms Bergen, who has been a photographer for *Life*, *Playboy* and *Esquire* magazines, is said to be on the verge of sealing a contract with Don Hewitt, producer of the Sunday news programme.

It means she will report on an occasional basis on "serious" stories of her choosing. The seeds of the idea were sown last year after *60 Minutes* did a piece on the actress. Mr Hewitt was so impressed that he decided to approach her after the Emmy-winning *Murphy Brown* ended in May.

Ms Bergen did previously audition for *60 Minutes* — in 1975. The producers wanted to hire her then, but she opted to stay in Hollywood.

Talks to start on nuclear arms ban

BY MICHAEL DYNES

NEGOTIATORS achieved a breakthrough in Geneva yesterday after agreeing to begin talks on a new treaty banning the production of fissile materials used to make nuclear weapons.

The announcement came after Israel, India and Pakistan agreed to abandon long-standing objections. India and Pakistan dropped an earlier demand for talks on full nuclear disarmament.

Israeli agreement, however, stopped short of an undertaking to open up the secret Dimona reactor, believed to be a nuclear bomb-making plant. Israel pursues a policy of nuclear ambiguity, refusing to confirm or deny that it has up to 300 bombs.

The talks, under the auspices of the 61-nation Conference on Disarmament, the world's main multilateral disarmament body, are expected to begin as early as next year. They are, however, likely to be difficult and protracted over several years. They will deal only with the production of new fissile material — plutonium and highly enriched uranium — and not the destruction of existing stocks.

Any new treaty would need an inspection regime to ensure that all signatories comply with its provisions.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday welcomed the Geneva decision as a "significant breakthrough".

☐ **Delhi:** India has begun developing a more powerful version of its medium-range ballistic missile, George Fernandes, the Defence Minister, announced here yesterday. He said the new model would have a longer range than the existing Agni (Fire) intermediate-range missile, which can carry a nuclear or a conventional warhead up to 930 miles. *(AFP)*

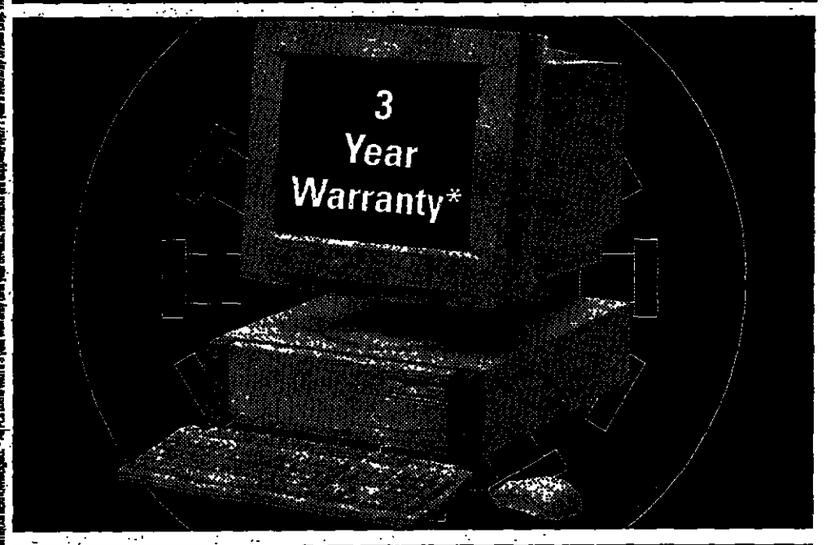
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Residents head for their flood-damaged homes in southwestern Jiujiang yesterday to salvage belongings

Heavy rains dash Chinese hopes of ending emergency

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN WUHAN

RELENTLESS rains continued to feed the swollen upper reaches of the Yangtze River yesterday, shattering hopes of a respite from the flood emergency that has hit millions across China.

The official death toll from this year's floods, already standing at 2,000, was also growing as details emerged of more than 100 people killed or missing after flash flooding in the southwestern municipality of Chongqing.

Typhoon Penny, the third of the season, dealt another blow to southern China, bringing torrential rain and howling winds.

Upriver, in the area of Jingjiang, more than 500,000 people were evacuated at the weekend in readiness for possible deliberate flooding to save downriver cities.

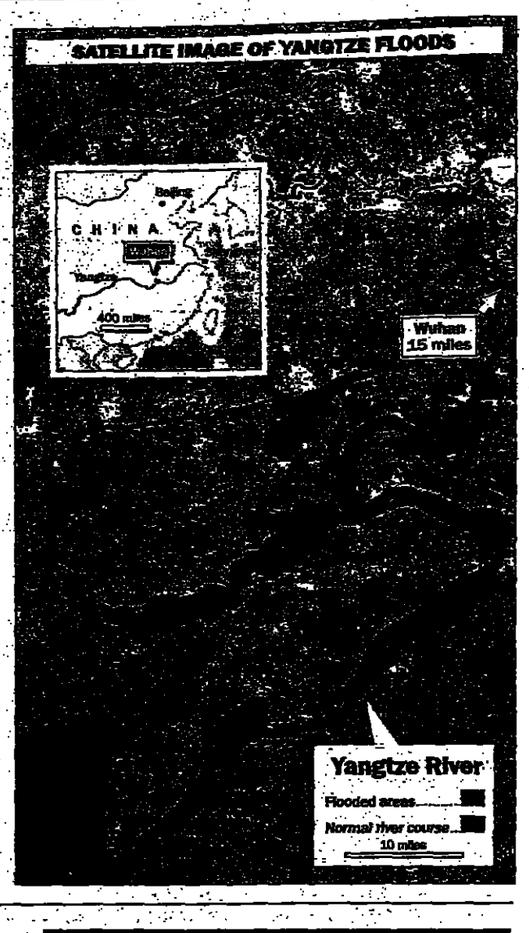
Preparations for the blowing-up of nearby dykes at the Jingjiang flood diversion zone were due to go ahead if the water level rose past 140ft.

The official Xinhua news agency said a large number of Jingjang residents who had been evacuated were allowed to return home temporarily "to minimise the losses by the local people".

China's longest river is experiencing its worst floods since 1954, when 30,000 people died. The 1998 death toll is three times higher than last year, although witnesses and evacuees in the middle reaches of the Yangtze have said official tallies may be vastly underestimated.

In the city of Jiujiang in Jiangxi province, 10,000 soldiers and volunteers managed to close a 200ft-wide breach of a dyke after three days of strenuous efforts, Xinhua said.

The floods have also prompted tough warnings against unlawful behaviour, with a body of the Chinese Communist Party's Central Committee issuing an emergency circular calling on authorities at all levels to maintain order in flood-hit areas. All crimes disrupting social order, such as robbery and market manipulation, were to be punished severely, the circular said.



Potholer's injuries blamed on Alps feud

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A POTHOLER who plummeted 200ft on to jagged rock, suffering major injuries, because his ropes had been sabotaged may have been the victim of a feud between cavers and climbers competing for space in the increasingly crowded Alps, according to French police.

Lionel Vivet, 30, and two experienced potholing friends had finished exploring a network of underground caves high in the Croix des Têtes Alpine range in the Savoy region last weekend when they prepared to descend an external rockface, using ropes they had installed several weeks earlier.

M Vivet seized a rope and swung himself on to the rock face, only to plunge immediately on to the rock shelf below. He remains in intensive care in a Grenoble hospital, suffering from multiple head injuries.

"The ropes had been cut by a human hand," said Olivier de Bianic, the police captain leading the investigation. The area is a major rock-climbing site, and Captain de Bianic said it was not clear whether the action was an act of malice or "by a zealous mountain climber anxious to clean up the mountain".

Police have seized a guest book from a nearby climbing refuge which, they say, contains evidence of growing tension in the region. In one entry, "a rock climber has written insults against the potholers", protesting at the ropes installed by the cavers "which hang down there in the middle of the rock face and get in the way of climbers", police said. Another entry declared: "The potholers are really messing up the climbing schools."

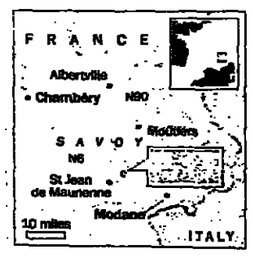
M Vivet and his friends, members of the Savoy Potholing Club based in Chambéry, had discovered the entrance to the caves, some 600 metres up a steep cliff, last autumn. The two ropes were left to ensure they could get in and out rapidly. Whoever cut them appears to have done so while the potholers were underground.

Police have urged witnesses to come forward but will not yet say whether they are treating the incident as attempted murder. "The cut was clean, and could not have been caused by a rockfall or fraying on a stone. The rope was severed intentionally," said a spokesman for the gendarmerie at Modane, near St Jean de Maurienne.

M Vivet is suffering from a cracked skull and multiple fractures, but he was fortunate to escape with his life since the fall happened at 10pm in one of the most inaccessible parts of the mountain.

Emergency workers arrived on foot at 2am, but the rescue helicopter was unable to airlift him to hospital until dawn.

Potholers and climbers concede that the wide-open spaces of the French Alps are not large enough for some. "Certain of the more fanatical mountaineers are afraid of an influx of other climbers into relatively untouched areas and could be tempted to lift equipment installed there to make their own access easier, at the risk of causing the most serious accidents," said Robert Durand, head of the Savoy Potholing Club.



Police die as rebels hit back in Kosovo

FROM TOM WALKER IN BELGRADE

FIVE Serbian policemen have died over the past two days as the Kosovo Liberation Army has put up unexpected resistance to a new offensive by security forces along Kosovo's western border with Albania.

Christopher Hill, the US negotiator in Kosovo, met both Albanian and Serbian leaders in Pristina yesterday in the latest Western attempt to get both sides into talks. It is still not clear, however, if the KLA can be represented in a cross-party Albanian coalition, while diplomats have conceded privately that they have nearly lost all trust in President Milosevic of Yugoslavia, who has broken promise after promise.

The policemen all died near the western town of Dakovica, the southern entrance to the broad Decane valley where the KLA seems set to make its last stand. Albanian sources said at least nine villages between Dakovica and Pec, to the north, were under attack yesterday; their sources spotted up to 30 Yugoslav army tanks moving into position to shell villages.

In all, 14 policemen have died in Kosovo since July 20, and there is a groundswell of pessimism that the province can never be completely tamed — a central theme to Mr Hill's diplomacy.

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Embattled Congo plans 'nightmare' for Tutsi rebels

FROM SAM KILEY IN KINSHASA

THE Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo yesterday vowed to "turn the dreams of a Tutsi empire into a nightmare" as civilian members of the tribe were rounded up amid reports of summary killings.

Gideon Mumengi, the Information Minister, said mainly Tutsi rebels who had taken a large swath of the east of the former Zaire would be driven back into Rwanda. He claimed that the rebellion's swift advance had been blocked in the west.

Independently monitored radio communications between rebels who had been flown in hijacked aircraft to Kitona on the Atlantic coast from Goma, 1,000 miles to the east, indicated that they were running low on supplies and had been cut off from reinforcements after government forces shelled the local airport.

But Western sources said Boma, near Congo's biggest port at Matadi, remained an area of conflict and Muanda, a base for offshore oil production, was still in rebel hands.

The modest government success at Kitona will boost President Kabila's reputation in Kinshasa, the capital, where anti-Tutsi resentment has reached fever pitch. Government officials have urged people to take up "machetes and hoes" against the Tutsi, whose members have been relabelled "Rwandans" because of their Rwandan support.

Rapid Reaction Force police units in Kinshasa hunted down Tutsis yesterday. Those arrested were considered luckier than Tutsis trapped by civilians or ordinary soldiers. The latter risked a bullet or being stoned to death.

Stung by suggestions that Tutsis were being rounded up and killed, Leonard Okitundu, the Congo's Human Rights Minister, yesterday vowed to allow international and local human rights groups to visit camps where Tutsis were being held "as prisoners of war".

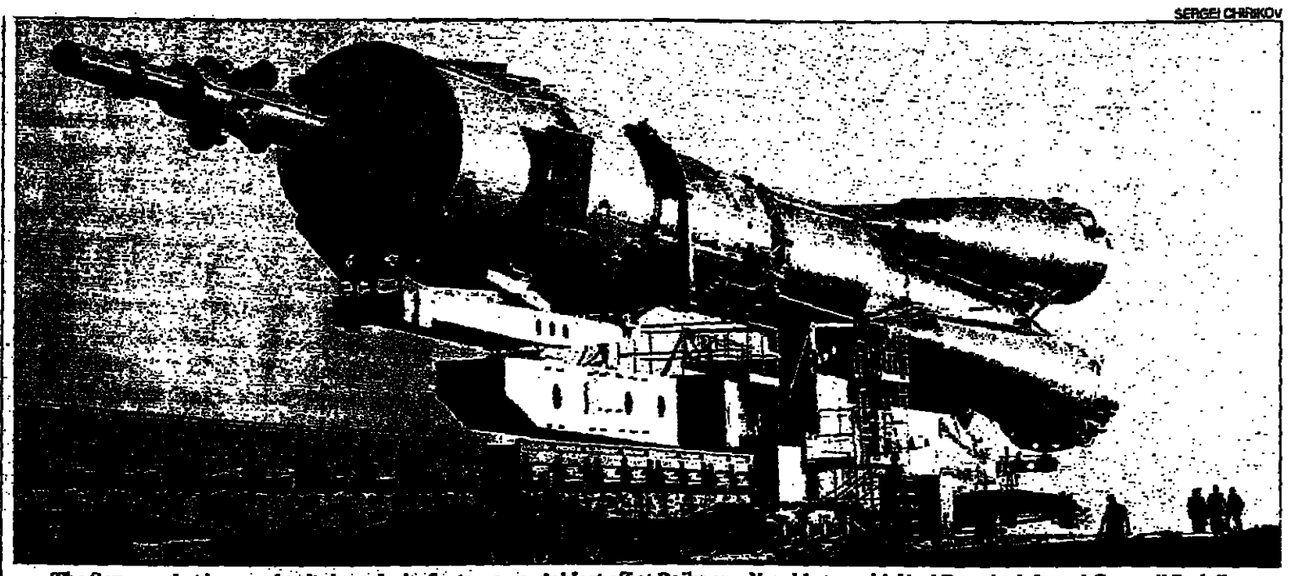
Gaitan Kukuji, the Interior Minister, denied allegations that any Tutsis rounded up by security forces were in any danger. They had been taken in to "protect women and children from the anger of the mobs".

Mr Kabila, who returned to Kinshasa from the south yesterday, appeared bent on throwing all of his assets against his enemies.

"I'm very happy that we are responding with indignation to this aggression," he said. "From east to west, young men and women are willing to fight for the country. This is a people's war."

Young volunteers, gnashing their teeth and dancing, chanted: "We're going to eat the Rwandans. We're going to kill the Tutsis. Death to the Rwandans."

SERGEI CHERKOV



The Soyuz rocket is moved to its launch site for tomorrow's blast-off at Baikonur, Kazakhstan with Yuri Baturin, left, and Gennadi Padalka



Sacked aide looks forward to long trip away from Kremlin

FROM JEAN MACKENZIE IN MOSCOW

YURI BATURIN, a former adviser to Russian President Boris Yeltsin, may long for the familiar chaos of Kremlin infighting tomorrow as he blasts into space with the penultimate mission to Mir, Russia's troubled and aged space station.

Mr Baturin, 49, dreamed of becoming a cosmonaut in his youth, but did not make the grade. He had to content himself with a career that included a five-year stint in politics, first as Mr Yeltsin's legal affairs adviser, then as the head of the powerful Defence Council, with a strong presidential mandate to reform the military. He was dismissed from that position last summer, but hung on as an adviser until February.

There has been no official explanation as to why it is necessary for him to visit Mir, in orbit for 12 years. Government officials are also keeping quiet about the cost of the junket, but estimates run from £9.2 million to £36.8 million.

Russia's space programme has been plagued by funding problems for years, and a recent report from Tass, the government press agency, said the new Mir mission was being undertaken on credit.

Mr Baturin will be accompanied by two veteran cosmonauts, Sergei Avdeyev and Gennadi Padalka. After about ten days in space, he will return with Talgat Musabayev and Nikolai Budarin, who have been on the space station for six months. Avdeyev will stay on until next June: he plans to be the last man on board Mir, which is due to be abandoned next summer and allowed to burn up in the atmosphere.

Russia is a partner in the International Space Station with the United States, Europe, Canada and Japan. A new station should be up and functioning by next July, but Moscow's budgetary woes have upset the project and threaten to delay the start.

For Mr Baturin, his flight must come as a sweet revenge on Moscow's carping press corps. Last summer the media dismissed as absurd reports that he had been picked to check the damaged Mir, gleefully pointing to his rather portly figure and bureaucratic lifestyle.

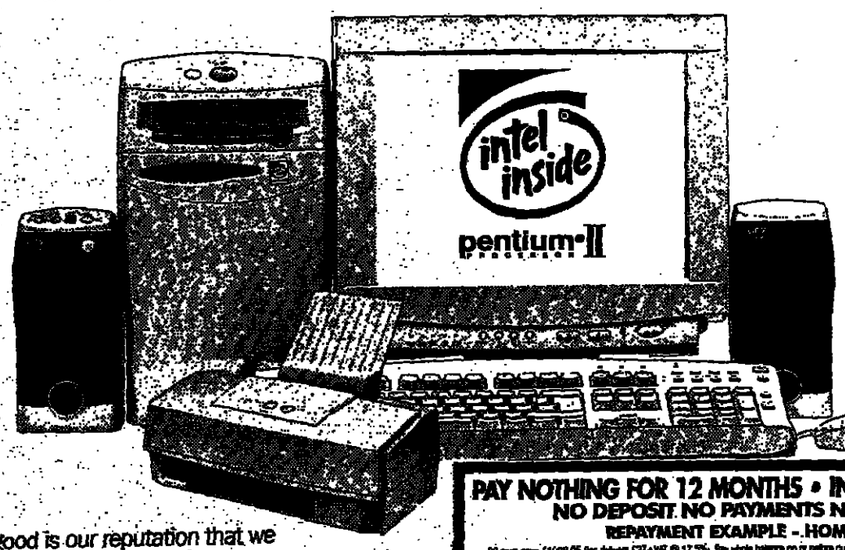
Mr Baturin denied the reports, as did the Kremlin. But he went on a diet, trained intensively and is now, according to space agency officials, fully ready for his adventure.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Nevis secession hopes blighted

Charlestown, St Kitts and Nevis: An independence movement on Nevis, an island of 36 square miles in the Caribbean, narrowly failed to win enough votes in a referendum to decide on secession from its larger sister island, St Kitts (David Adams writes).

Despite winning 62 per cent of the vote, independence will have to be put on hold, since a two-thirds majority was needed in the voting on Monday. The 10,000-strong population was left bitterly divided, with voters in the south backing independence by almost 80 per cent, while other areas voted strongly against. An independent Nevis would be the smallest country in the Western hemisphere, and the second smallest in the world after Vatican City.

Burma lifts safety pledge

Rangoon: Despite guaranteeing her safety only days ago, Burma's junta says it no longer takes responsibility for the safety of Aung San Suu Kyi, the opposition leader. Government security agents, who had been deployed to protect her since her release from house arrest in 1995, were withdrawn when the Nobel peace laureate ordered them out of her compound last week. "Since we have withdrawn our official security at her request, we are no longer responsible for her personal safety or security," the junta said in a statement. *(AFP)*

Island volcano 'settled'

Salem, Montserrat: Scientists believe the Chances Peak volcano, which has ravaged this Caribbean island, is settling down and have given residents permission to return to this west coast town, evacuated a year ago. The volcano, which erupted in July 1995, has spewed no new lava since March 3 and its last violent eruption was in January. Workers are removing ash and rinsing grey powder from buildings in the area, which includes about 800 homes and Old Towne, site of the island's last hotel. *(AP)*

Libyans honour Castro



Tripoli: Libya designated President Castro of Cuba, right, the 1998 winner of the Muammar Gaddafi Human Rights Prize, the official Jana news agency reported. There were no details of whether Señor Castro would come to Tripoli to receive the award, which includes a £156,000 cash prize. The award, established in 1989, recognised President Castro's "resistance to imperialism", Jana said. *(AFP)*

Nigeria poll countdown

Abuja: Nigeria's new electoral commission was sworn in and General Abdulsalam Abubakar, the junta leader, gave it two weeks to produce guidelines and a timetable to end military rule on May 29, 1999. Presidency officials said that the last commission — abolished after Sani Abacha, the former dictator, died in June — is under investigation to account for £22 million spent organising a poll for which he would have been the only candidate. *(Reuters)*

Riot rumours on Internet

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysian police have arrested a man and a woman suspected of frightening people by using the Internet to spread rumours that Indonesian immigrants have been amassing knives and machetes and planning to riot. They will be held while it is determined if they can be charged under the Internal Security Act, which allows jail without trial for up to two years. *(AP)*

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'I could easily fall in love with Scully'

Even after five years, Chris Carter devotes seven days a week to his creation, *The X-Files*. Interview by **David Eimer**



Chris Carter with his creations Mulder and Scully: he says that he still finds them fascinating. "You continue to find facets and avenues of discovery"

For a man who has made millions out of exploiting his paranoia, Chris Carter is surprisingly calm and reasonable in person. The creator of *The X-Files*, which is now shown in more than 90 countries, Carter has the deep tan and shoulder-length hair of the dedicated surfer and in his white T-shirt and jeans he looks out of place in the smart Beverly Hills hotel in which I meet him.

Appearances can be deceptive, however, and in the five years since *The X-Files* made its debut he has acquired a reputation in Hollywood as a Svengali who presides over every aspect of his show with the dedication of the true control freak.

"I'm pretty driven, but I hate the word ambitious," responds Carter. "I'm not a megalomaniac. I'm interested in doing what I've done, which is to create something that is successful and keeps a standard of quality through its run."

In between working seven days a week on the series — he has written almost a third of all *X-Files* episodes so far — he has found the time to set up and co-write the movie spin-off *The X-Files — Fight The Future*. For Carter, it was a logical step up from the TV show. "I don't think it's that audacious to be making a movie; it lends itself to a movie format. It was just coming up with a big enough story, something that was also a part of the TV series and not separate from it and didn't take the energy away from the show."

> 'I torture them, and then I reward them a bit'

Few figures behind a TV show have been so closely identified with their creation as Carter. This is perhaps just as well, since the show's two stars, David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson, who play Mulder and Scully, two FBI agents who spend their days trying to expose a government conspiracy to hide the truth about the presence of aliens on Earth, have made it clear that they want to leave the series when their contracts run out. That will leave Carter alone to cope with the fans and their incessant questions and bizarre websites.

Carter is a convincing and fluent salesman for *The X-Files*, but even he has difficulty explaining why its updating of the conventions of horror and sci-fi has been so phenomenally successful. He is inclined to give a lot of the credit to the characters. "I think Scully is a person that I, as a man, would be very attracted to. You could fall in love with this person very easily. Mulder is a person who I'd be very admiring of because of his monastic life, his discipline, his single-mindedness, his refusal to give up, his pursuit of his goal, his passion. To my mind, those are all very noble qualities."

In truth, though, the fans seem to respond more to Carter's shadowy picture of modern America than to the characters alone. Mulder and Scully move through a world where government is a dirty word and mysterious bureaucrats are forever seeking to obscure the truth from ordinary citizens. This world of conspiracy reflects the effect that the fall of President Nixon had on Carter. "I was mesmerised by that event and then by the movie *All The President's Men*, which I think is one of the best movies ever made."

At the time of Watergate, Carter was a teenager in Bellflower, a blue-collar suburb of Long Beach, in Southern California. While his contemporaries indulged in normal teenage pursuits ("they were mostly thinking about getting laid") he had other things on his mind. "Watergate rocked my world. It shook me just at the time I was starting to develop opinions about politics . . . All of a sudden everything changed, the country was shaken and so was its faith in its highest authority. I think that really shaped my opinions about leadership, government institutions and capitalism."

The example of Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman in *All The President's Men* inspired Carter to study journalism at university. After graduating in 1979, he spent five years editing *Surfing* magazine. "I was a surfer and I was looking for a way not to join the responsible, adult world," he says with a smile. "I got to travel the world, I got to learn something about running a business, something of working to deadlines and, because I had to write incessantly, I got a lot of experience and discipline at doing the hardest part of writing, which is putting your butt in the chair and keeping your fingers on the keyboard. When I left there I made the rather improbable leap to Hollywood. But for me and the people who knew me, it wasn't so improbable. I was always a fan of movies and I wanted to write fiction."

He landed a job at Disney developing sitcoms and spent the next eight years learning the skills of writing for television. "They take a long time to learn," he says. "There are really two different kinds of energies at work in a television series. There's the original creative burst, the inspiration, and then there's this thing which I think Robert Graves in *Goodbye To All That* called maintenance energy, which is really figuring out how to take something that is ongoing and keep it tuned and humming. In some ways that's much more difficult than the original thing."

The inspiration for *The X-Files* was a survey in 1991 that revealed that 3.7 million Americans believed they had been kidnapped by aliens. Against such a background, it is hardly surprising that the series attracts so many viewers.

For an alarming amount of people *The X-Files* is more like reality than sci-fi. Carter himself is ambivalent about whether there is anything out there, although Gillian Anderson's opinion is that the Universe is just too vast for there not to be. Carter's interest lies more in paranoia and his masterstroke is his insistence that his plots be presented in a low-key, deliberately muted style. Nothing is ever really determined. The result is that the audience is essentially teased into watching every week in the hope of finally getting some answers.

He is the first to admit that *The X-Files* is not quite as fresh a concept as many believe. "You take what works and you patch it together and I think some of the best episodes of *The X-Files* have been very liberal in their borrowing from some of the classics," Carter says. "If you look at an episode such as *Ice* from the first season, it is basically a lift from *The Thing*. "With the episode *Little Green Men*, you can look at the Carl Sagan book *Contact* and see the similarities. I think there have been lifts from different elements."

As well as writing, Carter also directed four episodes of *The X-Files* and, ultimately, he sees his future as a mainstream movie director. First, though, he has to cope with a sexual harassment suit that has been grinding its way through the courts in Los Angeles since 1996.

Carter, who is married to a fellow writer, Dori Pierson, is named, along with Twentieth Century Fox, which produces *The X-Files*, in a complaint filed by Judith Fairly, a former script co-ordinator on the show. She alleges that he offered to make her pregnant, that he held meetings in strip clubs and was known around the production office as "the walking orgasm". He denies her accusations.

"People tell me that it is the price of success," he says. "This is an area where people aren't appreciating what is going on and what is driving it.

"I'm talking about this in a very general way; I'm not talking about my lawsuit but a suit where you have to prove or disprove that someone was offended. It's very difficult to prove a negative. It's a very new area of law and as it's being applied, it's also being created."

Perhaps that is why Carter insists that he is definitely more insecure now than ever before. The insecurity seems only to help his writing, though, and he insists that even after five years he still finds Mulder and Scully fascinating.

"I'm still interested in their lives and how they have progressed and what they know. It's how you continue to find facets and avenues of discovery and how you play with their belief systems.

"It's how you torture them a little bit and how you reward them and how you really take them through what the audience goes through, which is the ebb and flow of disbelief."

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STARS ON ALIENS

Professor Richard Dawkins, Oxford University biologist and author of *Unweaving the Rainbow: Science, Delusion and the Appetite for Wonder*: "I don't watch *The X-Files*. Each week it poses a mystery and offers two rival explanations, the rational theory and the paranormal theory. And the rational theory loses. Let's not go back to a dark age of superstition and unreason, where every time you lose your keys you suspect poltergeists, demons or alien abduction. There is certainly nothing impossible about alien abduction in UFOs. One day it may happen. But it should be kept as an explanation of last resort."



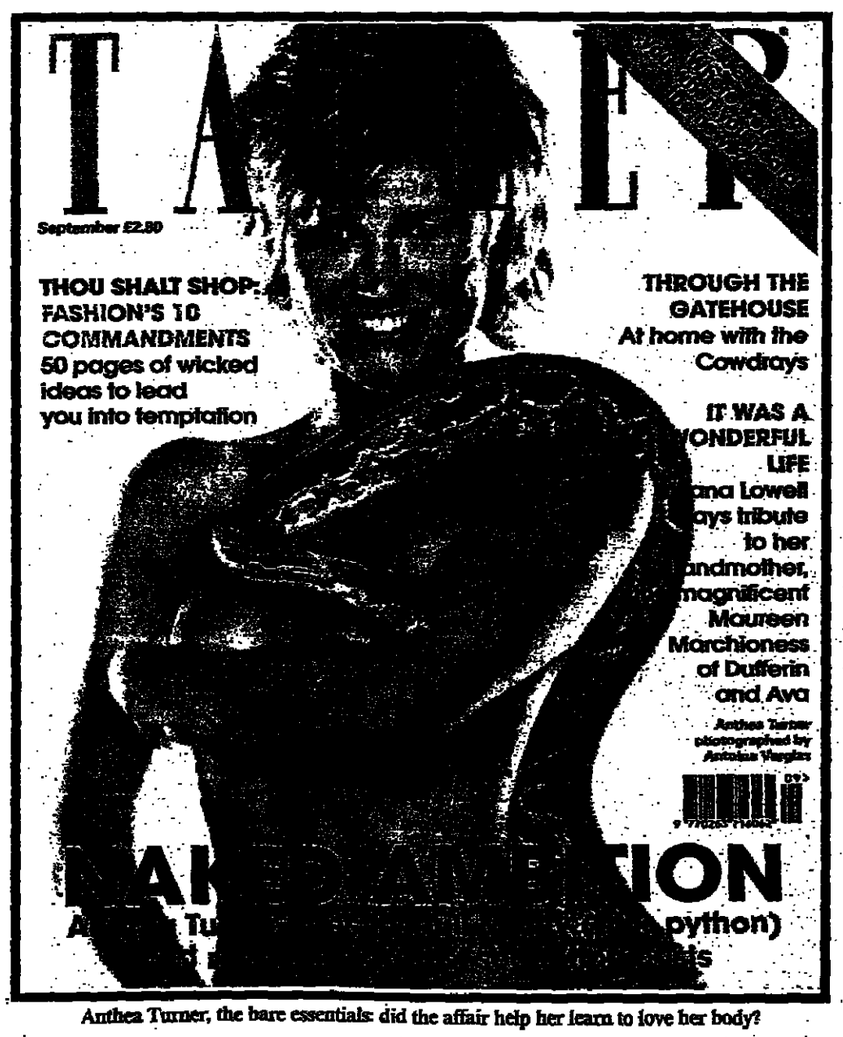
Professor Paul Davies, physicist. His new book, *The Fifth Miracle*, deals with whether life can exist elsewhere in the Universe. "I do watch it and, yes, I think there is life elsewhere — though I don't think we are being visited by ET. I strongly support the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. We may well share this wonderful Universe with a myriad of extraterrestrial life forms but while we are patiently looking for them, let's keep our feet planted firmly on the ground."

Trevor Bayliss, OBE, inventor of the clockwork radio: "I occasionally watch. I like an amusing gag, like anyone else. But I don't make a point of catching it every week. I don't think you can dismiss talk of aliens or extraterrestrial life. In fact, I am sure there is intelligent life elsewhere. But I think lots of spooky incidents will eventually be explained by science, because there are new discoveries being made all the time."

John Humphrys, presenter of the *Today* programme: "I've seen it once and I thought it was really daft. I don't think there are any aliens out there. That is like asking whether God exists — it seems silly to address that question because on the one hand we look breathtakingly arrogant if we dismiss the possibility, but on the other hand how do we reach conclusions?"

Philippa Forrester, presenter of the BBC technology programme *Tomorrow's World:* "I have never seen it. I do believe in paranormal phenomena and extraterrestrial life, because I have heard too many stories and not enough explanations."

Kriss Akabusi, Olympic sprinter turned television presenter and committed Christian. "I don't watch it. I'm not interested in speculative sci-fi. I don't believe in extraterrestrials of the two-headed, funny-eyed variety, but I think that people of any faith or creed believe that there's more going on than meets the eye."



Anthea Turner, the bare essentials: did the affair help her learn to love her body?

Why Anthea isn't squirming

Anthea Turner has succeeded in salvaging her dignity by showing none at all, says Grace Bradberry

Whatever your career, there are always ways to revive it. If you are a doctor, your best bet is to find a cure for cancer. If you are an accountant, saving £40 million from your top client's tax bill is a good idea. If, however, you are a female television presenter who has broken up a man's marriage amid much negative publicity, only to be dumped by said man four months later, then you might like to try taking off all your clothes and presenting yourself to a photographer.

The great thing about this last scheme, as opposed to the other two, is that taking your kit off requires absolutely no skill whatsoever, and still less originality. It has been tried and tested, so the humiliation will not be in vain, and the better sort of magazine will even agree to airbrush out your cellulite (if you have any). No wonder Anthea Turner has chosen to appear on the cover of the latest *Tatler* with nothing but a python to cover her modesty.

If her breasts could not remain inside her brassiere, then there is at least the small mercy that her tongue stayed in her cheek. The biggest revelation is not what she looks like with no clothes on but the fact that clearly there is a rather stylish display of wit at work here. Not for Turner the ubiquitous "I'm lonely but I'm being brave" *Hello!* photo shoots in her gracious drawing room, or sad fantasy bondage "I'm one of the boys, really" covers for men's magazines, à la Ulrika Jonsson.

It is to her credit that she did not race into this thing. It is never good to appear desperate, certainly not desperate to do a naked spread. The photographer, Antoine Verglas, is reported to have turned up with the python, then talked Turner into the escapade. She agreed on the condition that she could have veto over those shots in which she was nude.

Once the shoot was under way, however, Turner apparently became quite gung-ho. As a friend says: "After what she's gone through she wanted to let people know that she's OK, a survivor. She also wanted to send a message that she was a career woman who knew what she was doing, and the success of the shoot does prove that."

So cataclysmic seemed her personal situation after the immediate breakup of her relationship with Grant Bovey that even friends felt hesitant about calling. Jane Procter, the Editor of *Tatler* and a friend of Turner, recalls: "I watched the whole scenario last year and I thought that I could see someone heading for sadness. When that happened I didn't at first have the bravery to ring. But a couple of months later I did phone and we talked as two people in the media about what the best thing was for her to do."

> Once the shoot was under way Turner became gung-ho

The resulting *Tatler* shoot is, Procter believes, "very strong, very empowered. For her own wellbeing it's a good thing to have done".

It is difficult to suppress a sneaking admiration for the woman. She is 38, an age by which even out and out exhibitionists have developed some insecurity about their bottoms. Yet 38 is exactly the right age to get up to this sort of thing. Turner, meanwhile, has been shedding her inhibitions like the proverbial snakeskin.

Should you ever be faced with the option to pose naked, you should ask yourself one simple question: am I young, beautiful and in my prime? If so, don't do it. It would be seen as tacky. You would spend the rest of your life living it down. The moment, however, that you pass beyond the foothills of life, towards the brow of the hill, your endeavour will earn epithets such as brave, empowering, egocentric. Turner, despite her lissom body, is the right side of 25.

So where did she find the courage? Perhaps the key lies in the phrase "huge passion", which she uses to describe her love affair with Bovey. Isn't that a euphemism for "the best sex I ever had"? There is nothing like good sex to make a woman love her body. Suddenly every bump and bulge has a *raison d'être*. Mentally, Turner's arse now covered in *Blue Peter* badges.

The photo shoot is probably Turner's way of hauling something out of the ashes of the relationship. If there is one thing worse than being thought a *femme fatale* and a marriage-wrecker, then it is being thought a dupe. Bovey's reported fee of £60,000 for an *OK!* spread, and his wife Della's new job as a daytime television presenter, made her look a rather sad loser. Now she has salvaged some dignity by the curious ruse of showing no dignity at all. What will come of it in the end is another matter. Not being sexy has been the secret of Turner's success, but since The End Of The Affair, she has been utterly brazen in her tabloid-friendly cavortings. The nurse's uniform, worn for charity, is a classic example.

The real Anthea Turner, whoever she might be, is still elsewhere, but then that is the point about posing nude — nobody would do it if it involved any genuine self-revelation. As the writer John Berger said: "To be naked is to be oneself. To be nude is to be seen naked by others, and yet not be recognized for oneself . . . Nudity is a form of dress."

Indeed, the only time that nakedness really is nakedness is on the catwalk, and that is because we see models in terms of their bodies. The search for cellulite as practised surreptitiously by front-row fashion mavens is therefore a kind of covert character assassination.

Otherwise, the curious thing about nakedness is how little it tells us, except that the nudes in question do not mind shocking their old uncles, may even enjoy it.

It was no doubt with glee that the writer Jeanette Winterson, a famously disloyal daughter, removed her clothes for a foreign edition of *The Passion*. The only surprise is that she did not do it for the British edition and then ensure it was on sale at her parents' local Waterstone's.

Helen Mirren posed naked on the cover of the *Radio Times* to show she was fabulous at 50. The thing about Mirren is that the actual state of her body does not really matter; it is a question of attitude and hers has never lapsed. Anthea Turner is only just acquiring some.

Capturing the rural idyll

ALBAN DONOHOE



Driving force: Emma Bridgewater with her children



A style that defines the way we are: Emma Bridgewater has built a £4 million pottery business by creating products that reflect the British yearning for a romantic rural cosiness

Why Emma Bridgewater's pottery empire wasn't enough. Interview by **Noreen Taylor**

Emma Bridgewater is to pottery what Laura Ashley was to summer dresses and Sybil Colefax was to chintz. The name symbolises not only a product but a lifestyle, conjuring up an image of the artless taste that exemplifies the continuing Arcadian romance of the English middle class.

Emma's spongeware dinner sets are illustrated with faded roses and ferns. Her plates, jugs and cereal bowls are decorated with larky childish messages about good boys and girls. Chunky, unfussy, robust, it is both witty and practical, a vogueish must-have on the Welsh dressers of Annabels and Harrys from Wandsworth to Norfolk.

> 'Making money is not the most important thing'

"When I look around me," says Emma, standing in her shop in London's Fulham Road, "I realise that what I'm doing is flogging the family silver, selling our secrets."

It transpires that the great secret was in having a mother for whom work meant a talent for stylish living and a genius for decorating that eschewed any need to hire interior designers or to follow trends. It was her mother's taste and her eye for a sort of cosy magic which, Emma insists, has enabled her to capitalise on nostalgia.

There is a poignancy in this stress on the importance of her mother, a daughter of old country money. She was severely injured in a riding fall two years ago and has never recovered. The deep pain is etched on Emma's face as she explains: "Since the accident my life has been in a spin. Certain values have changed. Not about work, though.

"The best thing I can say about myself is that I make jobs for 55 people in Stoke, that I'm proud of our pottery, of sustaining an industry in danger of disappearing like coal, steel and everything else the British once excelled at. Soon, nothing will be produced in this country. The countryside will be in danger of becoming one vast B&Q."

This respect for manufacturing reminds her that it wasn't only her mother's sense of style that she absorbed. Her father made a fortune publishing educational books and she mastered his business acumen. With the dovetailing of those twin parental gifts, Emma was still in her twenties when, in the mid-1980s, she became one of the Thatcherite *wunderkinder*, a self-propelled success story.

Thatcherite but without the hard mercantile gloss. Warm, handsome and self-deprecatory, she is sensible in a comely, head girl sort of way. She treats her staff with a warm mateyness, similar to the way I remember the late Laura Ashley behaving. Dressed in workmanlike denim, face untouched by make-up, she seems accessible, relaxed and uncomplicated despite early family problems.

"My parents divorced when I was seven. I later went on to work for my father and did a degree in English at London University. I didn't make Cambridge, so that depressed me, and I ended up having a lousy time as a student.

"Afterwards I went to work in Joanna Osborne and Sally Muir's shop, sewing buttonholes on sweaters. Remember the sweater that Diana, Princess of Wales, wore, the red one with the knitted borders of sheep? Everybody wanted it. That was theirs. Incredibly successful, went round the world in seconds.

"It made me realise how amazing business could be. Right away I thought, 'I'm going to start a business'. I was a very determined, practical sort of girl. Very Eighties, shoulder-padded and driven."

At the time Emma was living in Brixton with the photographer Alex Du Fort, who had a passion for Victorian spongeware pottery. Totally untrained, armed only with a hunch and a hunger for success, she was sure it would push the right style buttons with her generation.

She says: "To start with, the designs were all Alex's idea. But I was the practical one, the juggernaut who went off to find a factory where it could be produced, traipsed around shops with samples and arranged loans. In the end, I knew the partnership with Alex wasn't going to work so I paid him off and carried on myself.

"I was in my twenties with nothing to lose. I never worried about overdrafts. Whenever I got one I arranged to pay it off by babysitting, cleaning, waitressing. Back then I seemed to have this boundless confidence, energy and a tremendous will to succeed. I was living that kind of frenetic Eighties life, probably a very similar one to the people I hoped would buy my pottery."

> 'I am no longer obsessed with proving myself'

Emma guessed, with entrepreneurial shrewdness, that people driving along the London fast lane, with lives which revolved around the Filofax and the telephone, were forever pining for a romantic, rural cosiness. From this theory, Emma eventually created a £4 million pottery business.

Aside from selling in all the major London stores — there are 300 outlets — there is that factory in Stoke, and alongside her Fulham Road shop she has recently opened a café where customers can buy blank pieces of pottery on which they can paint their own designs. It looks a little like an Edwardian nursery wing in a grand country house. "Look at them!" she smiles as a group of children and parents crowd inside. "This is exactly how I planned everything: a café where you can order tea or coffee and then, for £5, design your own pottery, with people around to help and advise."

In 1987 Emma met and married the artist/designer Matthew Rice, 36, a former colleague of Viscount Linley. He is also beguiled by the never-never land world of graphics, designing tins, boxes and stationery decorated for some imaginary pre-First World War child lurking within the heart of the rugby-playing pinstriped banker.

Both work side by side in a studio in their rented Norfolk house. A live-in nanny helps to look after their three daughters: Elizabeth, Kitty and Margaret. While Emma, now 37, cares for the dogs, Matthew maintains a vegetable garden and oversees their growing collection of ducks, chickens and rabbits. They live the life of rustic harmony that Emma's designs aim to echo.

"People are always asking me if it's hard for us working and living together, and I always answer, 'Why should it be?' You marry because you are in love, so what could be more natural than wanting to spend your time together? We have such a lovely time in the country.

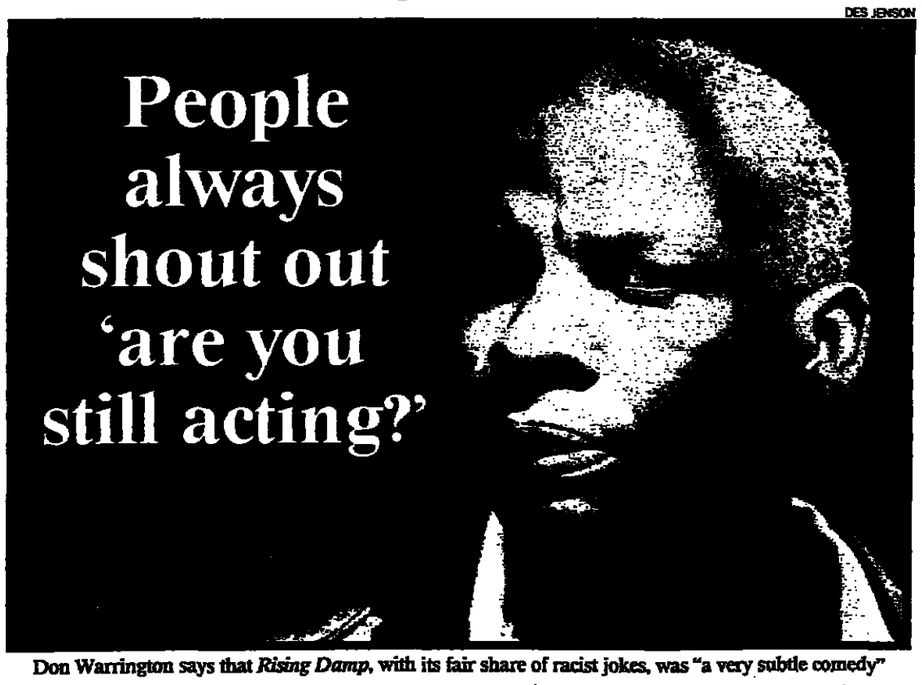
"During breaks we go to the beach with the girls for picnics. In the summer we go camping. The kind of life I'm leading now is one my mother would have approved of. Although she was proud of me, she thought commerce rather corrupting and felt the life we were living in London to be a stupid sort of existence.

"What has changed for me is a belief that making money is not the most important thing in the world any more. Gardening, what you eat, what you talk about, are vastly more important than hanging the right curtains.

"I'm no longer obsessed with proving myself in a masculine world. At heart, you see, I'm dead idle. Now I just have this pathetic hope that I can continue making nice people's lives better."

Don Warrington was one of the cult figures in 1970s TV. Interview by **Jason Cowley**

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Don Warrington says that *Rising Damp*, with its fair share of racist jokes, was "a very subtle comedy"

It is difficult to find someone who does not remember Don Warrington. As the tall, handsome, disorientatingly well-spoken lodger in *Rising Damp*, he was one of the cult figures of 1970s television, a black actor at once apparently indulging and subverting racial stereotypes.

Rising Damp was that rare thing: a situation comedy which transcended generic limitation and spoke directly to the nation at a time of recession and rising racial tension.

Not a year passes now but it is dusted down and repeated on one channel or another: the first series is at present being shown on Carlton Select.

There is a thriving *Rising Damp* website. And the four central characters — Rigsby (Leonard Rossiter), Miss Jones (Frances de la Tour), Philip Smith (Warrington) and Alan (Richard Beckinsale) — have become icons of popular culture.

Meeting Don Warrington in a bar in Covent Garden is a curious experience. Time has been kind to him: his hair may be a little thinner and flecked with grey, but he and his marvellous voice are largely unchanged. With a little expertly applied make-up, he could easily pass for the young intellectual he played in *Rising Damp*.

The series still has surprisingly enduring popularity. "Even now," he says, ordering a cappuccino, "when I am out walking in the park with my children, people are always shouting out to me 'I remember you. Are you still acting?' I guess it was the posh voice: the idea of a black man speaking in the tones of the English upper classes confounded people's expectations." *Rising Damp*, Warrington says, was a comedy of class and race.

"The four central characters are all pretending to be something that they are not. In Philip's case, he claims to be an African prince. This appeals to his landlord, Rigsby, who is a small man, tortured by failed aspirations and class anxiety."

Rigsby is also a rancid racist, and he gleefully taunts Philip. Nowadays many of his jokes — especially those about Philip swinging through the trees in an African jungle — would be deemed politically incorrect and therefore disallowed. "I disagree," says Warrington, surprisingly. "I really do. *Rising Damp* was a very subtle comedy. There were racist jokes all right. Yet Philip was the one who had all the class. He was the exact opposite to Rigsby's idea of what a black person should be. He was worldly, intelligent: Rigsby even came to him for advice. In this sense, Philip was, I think, an antidote to racism: he was an education to people."



Flashback: the original *Rising Damp* cast

Warrington has kept busy over the years, working in the theatre, in movies and on television; most recently playing a priapic opera singer in a new film by Peter Greenaway, *Eight and a Half Woman*.

But there are frustrations. "It is absolutely true that the work offered to black actors is less interesting. In this country, there are very few convincing characters written for black actors who, in any event, are seen as exotic or as being representative of something.

"The last three scripts I read, including Greenaway's, asked for an enormous black man. Most drama does not reflect reality as it is for most black people: we are always being seen through the filter of someone else's view of what and who a black person is. It can be tiresome."

Born in Trinidad, Warrington moved to England with his parents as a young boy. He grew up in inner-city Newcastle, where he quickly learnt to adapt to Geordie life. "Yes, I spoke with a strong Geordie accent and played football like all the other boys." So what accounts for the magisterial hauteur of his accent? "Well, er, from a young age all I remember wanting to be was an actor. When I was about 17, I found my way to the local repertory theatre, where I met a lot of actors who all spoke in these posh voices. I said to myself, 'Well, if you are going to get on in this world you'd better learn to speak as they do.'

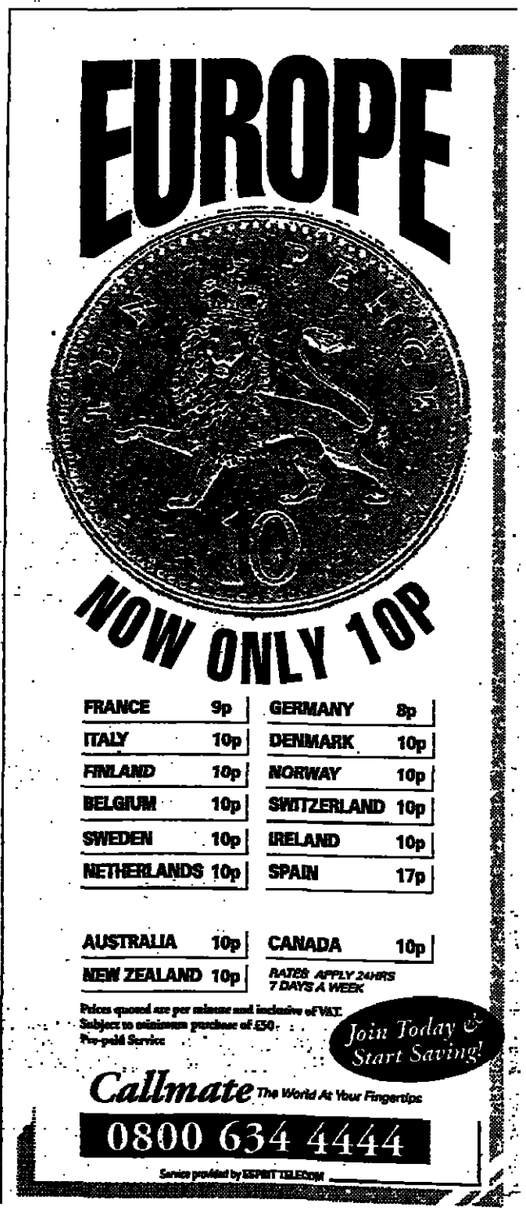
"So I simply imitated what I saw and heard around me. Just as I became a Geordie so that I would fit in and become as popular as I could, so I learnt to speak with a posh voice. I have always had this gift of being a chameleon."

Rising Damp was Warrington's first job in television after leaving drama school. Rossiter, who appeared with Warrington in the original stage play, had enjoyed working alongside the young actor and recommended him for the role. "It was a fabulous break," Warrington says. "I was earning £150 per episode — a fabulous sum at the time. Situation comedy is fast and high-pressured, and I had no experience of television. Leonard was incredibly supportive. I also really enjoyed working with Richard."

He recalls the day that he heard that Beckinsale had died suddenly, of a heart attack, at the age of 33. "I was walking home — I lived in Hampstead then — when a guy driving past in a car shouted out 'Hey, your mate's dead'. I had no idea what he was talking about. It was only when I got home and put on the television that I understood. His death was such a shock, because he appeared to be in such rude health. "He was terribly easy-going; nothing was too much for him. I think he was the nicest person I have ever met."

Warrington is reluctant to reveal his partner's identity, but she is white, and they have two sons, aged 18 and 9. He hopes — although is not entirely confident — that they will grow up in a society untainted by racism. "I'm not as optimistic as some. It was great seeing how England cheered black players like Paul Ince and Sol Campbell during the World Cup. But I still have the feeling that black people are heroes only when they are useful. Sure, Sol did brilliantly on the night but would a taxi stop for him in the dark?"

● Rising Damp *is on Carlton Select at 7pm weekdays*



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Will Monica strip Al as well as Bill?

Bronwen Maddox says fallout from Clinton could hurt Gore

Washington is allowing itself no distance from the Lewinsky saga. President Clinton is not the only one to have bent his holiday plans around Ken Starr's inquiry. The few political aides and pundits who have ventured nervously out of the capital have been scrabbling for cellular phone services which will reach Montana's Bitterroot Range or the Umbrian hills, in case Monica's dress suddenly comes back from the FBI labs.

But more distance might help the capital to detach itself from the present fevered speculation about whether Mr Clinton will last until 2000, and focus on the real damage that the scandal has caused. Briefly back in Britain, I find it even more improbable that Americans will lose a President over this affair. Yet it is also clear that even if he stays, the saga has made a muddy mess of the legal status of the presidency. It has also given Vice-President Al Gore plenty of reasons to worry.

Inevitably, last week's bombings of two US embassies was widely credited to Mr Clinton's luck. Like the Oklahoma bombing that rescued him from the quagmire of his first days in power, many suggested that they made him look statesmanlike and resolute. That is surely wrong. The investigation into the bombings is likely to resemble Mr Starr's pursuit of Mr Clinton: tortuous, lengthy, and possibly inconclusive. In Oklahoma, Mr Clinton could comfort the victims and then stand back to watch the American legal system deal with Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols; the African atrocities may simply make the United States look bewildered and vulnerable.

Mr Clinton's salvation, if it comes, is likelier to spring from Americans' sheer distaste for losing a President through impeachment. This week, the 24th anniversary of Richard Nixon's resignation, the stars of that drama have been surfacing to tell us that Monica is no Watergate. The sequel is a pale echo of the original, they say.

John Dean, the former White House counsel who supplied much of the evidence that damned his boss, argues that the Watergate crimes of illegal wiretapping and burglary bear no comparison to an alleged consensual sexual relationship between the President and a former White House trainee. Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, the *Washington Post* reporters who unearthed much of the intrigue, agree. So does Stanley Kutler, author of *The Wars of Watergate*, who has dismissed the Monica row as "kissy face".

There is every sign that Americans agree. Not because economic prosperity has suddenly made them liberal about sexual behaviour. Many say they are embarrassed by the scandal and wish it would all go away. But Americans would be even more uncomfortable to lose a President.

That is why there can be no political winners from the saga. Even a couple of months ago, it was common to shake the abacus of Washington calculations and say, well, one thing is certain: Congress will want Ken's report before the mid-term November elections to inflict the maximum damage on Democratic candidates. Now, senior Republicans are terrified of taking action against such a popular President.

But even if Mr Clinton muddles on to the end of his term, the saga has left his successors with serious constitutional headaches. It all began when the Supreme Court allowed Paula Jones to bring her sexual harassment suit against Mr Clinton while he was in office. Without that case, Monica would not have come to light. The court's view that no individual is above the law is admirable. Yet its belief that the case — and other future civil suits — could take place without seriously disrupting the work of the President looks breathtakingly naive.

Unease over Mr Starr's untrammelled investigation is already widespread. A review of the role of the independent prosecutor is urgently needed, as many in Congress admit. Mr Starr will give even more weight to this campaign if his report does not also encompass the earlier parts of his inquiry into the less sensational Whitewater financial dealings in Arkansas, which have consumed about $40 million of taxpayers' money.

> Starr's subpoenas have left future Presidents isolated

Most worryingly, the scandal has left any future occupant of the Oval Office extraordinarily isolated. Neither lawyers, advisers, nor Secret Service bodyguards could be regarded as a safe confidant, beyond the reach of a subpoena. The principle of lawyer-client privilege has been shattered.

Those muddy and treacherous legal issues await Mr Gore, if he makes it into Mr Clinton's chair. But the scandal has made it slightly less likely that he will do so. The conventional wisdom is that Monica has left Mr Gore untouched. The Vice-President's boringness, previously a liability, has now come into its own.

Those Gore aides now quietly taking up positions in Washington should not pin their hopes on so flimsy a judgment. Mr Clinton's poll ratings have shown only one thing: Americans warm to charismatic Presidents, whom they feel they know. They have always found it hard to warm to Mr Gore.

The risk is that Monica may strip Al of the money he will need to win. Mr Clinton will spend the next two years helping to raise cash for Mr Gore. But his ability as a fundraiser could now be weakened. The two have also been linked in a separate row about fundraising in the 1996 election. It would be surprising if some of those who might have signed a large cheque for the Democrats did not now think again.



Of mink and men

Animal rights lunatics cleared the New Forest of its chief predator: us

Jurassic terror is spreading deep into the New Forest. Three thousand carnivorous monsters are on the rampage. The dreaded mink is fanning out from Crow Hill Farm. Hampshire has been declared an ecological disaster area. In Ringwood, the beasts have been seen in kitchens, pubs, even bedrooms. Screaming women are leaping on to chairs with babies clasped to their breasts. The mink has "no known predator". Brave Tom Sheldon, 46, has shot 100 of the brutes with his bare hands.

Give the countryside a week of silly season and it will find something to whinge about. Now it is mink. With a bit of help from the Animal Liberation Front, these creatures have heard the call of the wild. With no escape rations, no Highway Code and little help from the *Maquis*, they will not get far. Yet they are having an appalling press. They are "weasel-like". They slither under doors, bite children, "go for the throat" and prey on voles and ground-nesting birds. They line their dens with the skins of their victims. They probably also snort coke and cheat at cards. Mink will need urgent spin-doctoring if they are ever to pass muster as a "charismatic micro-species". Unlike the badger, the otter, the hen harrier and the wolf, they are not zoologically cool.

The liberation of the mink has proved counter-intuitive. We are so often accused of "pushing back the frontier of the wild" that when the wild recovers some ground we cannot handle it. The Europe section of my *Atlas of World Wildlife* is miserable. Gone are the mastadons and sabre-tooths, the bears and lions, the buffaloes and wolves. While other continents are rich in birds, reptiles and mammals, our shores can muster nothing more menacing than a fox, a ferret and an adder. Britain cannot even run to a wildcat or a wild boar. Small wonder raptor birds are the flavour of the month. Small wonder Scottish Nature is desperately reintroducing the wolf to the Highlands. I wonder who plays god over Britain's ecological balance — the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Royal Society or John Prescott?

I carry no brief for the lunatics of the Animal Liberation Front. Their mission statement is mayhem. But they have hit on one way of clearing overpopulated areas of the most awesome predator, mankind. They have apparently cleared families and pets from New Forest picnic sites. They might next turn their attention to London Zoo. A king cobra and a Gabon viper "liberated into the wild" of Regent's Park should bring us all a bit of peace this summer. Come to that, an alligator would clean up the canal and some Thomson's gazelles would look nice on Primrose Hill.

As for the Ringwood countryside lobby, now is its chance. These Nimrods of the New Forest are surely on their mettle. Summoned from the slopes of Chiantishire, they should don the pink and take down the horn. This is real-time hunting, a view halloa. Run the hounds to the scent of mink. Take advantage of the fact that, for once, the townies are not on the side of adorable furry things. This week they care not if little lungs burst in the chase or sides are torn open. They are preaching the Gadarene swine from the pulpits of Winchester and Sarum. The only good mink is a dead one.

There are some debates in which the only discipline is that of economics. I am aware of the teachings of Tom Regan and Peter Singer, that all animals are "subjects of life", that "species-ism" is no different from racism and sexism. I do not believe it. The law of the wild holds that the survival of the fittest can be cheated only by the grace of mankind, and mankind's grace is rooted in money. It is not for the love of science that Californians are frantically trying to clone dinosaurs from fossil DNA. It is for the love of Spielberg.

This runs counter to what is still the prevailing ethos of animal conservation, that it all depends on banning things. It means that, if you want to save the rhinoceros, you must promote its horn in the Far East as an aphrodisiac. To save the elephant, you must make ivory compulsory for billiard balls. To save leopards you must buy leopard-skin coats. The skin trade is the world's greatest conservationist, followed only by big game hunting. In Africa, to photograph a rhino you pay $5, to kill one you pay £5,000. That is why game parks are preaching "sustainable utilisation". Elephant herds are culled by hunters for money. Why not breed to cull? Hunting safaris are the most cost-effective conservation.

Africa is becoming a giant game park in which the distribution of big mammals is increasingly charted and controlled, and if necessary resupplied from zoos. Species may be threatened, like the Rwandan gorilla, but we have the knowledge and power to conserve. What is needed is money. As last year's Harare conference on endangered species was forced to admit, money must come not from taxpayers but from trade. Trade means properly controlled hunting and the sale of animal products. You cannot force an African farmer to protect destructive elephants on his land, unless it pays. The days of the "wild" wild are numbered. They have given way to the tame.

Simon Jenkins

Animals have been hunted to extinction since the days of the Los Angeles tar pits. Since wildness is increasingly meaningless, we have to conserve and breed to save. An Institute of Economic Affairs tract in 1994 pointed out that "laws that criminalise the commercialisation of wildlife decrease the chances that wildlife will survive". If a rare animal is valueless it will become extinct. Value, defined, protected and exploited, is what conserves any resource. Farming for leather saved the Florida alligator. Farming for hunting is saving the African rhinoceros and is the best hope for the Indian tiger and elephant. Wild boar survives in Europe because the rich like hunting and eating it. Sable and other rare furs were once the staple of the Siberian economy. If women stop wearing them, the price will fall, the animal will die out and Siberians will starve. Who then has won?

In Britain, hunting and eating has saved the grouse, the pheasant and the partridge. The biggest threat to the grouse now appears to be the efforts to save its predator, the hen harrier. In other words, the national "grouse farm" is being incompetently run. Farming may yet be the only hope for the salmon. Yet the Government is pledged to ban fur farming. The latest batch of fur farm licences are valid for only three years. I am mystified. What makes pig, cow and alligator hide acceptable, but not mink, sable or silver fox? Fur farms may stink, pollute, be cruel or inhumane. They may need more regulation. But why illegal?

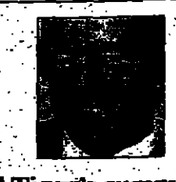
The mink is accused by the tabloids of being an ecological catastrophe, chiefly for killing an owl and a kestrel "shortly to be released into the wild". Would the mink have been in the clear had the kestrel already been freed? The mink is accused of exterminating voles. Yet voles are also the prey of kestrels and owls. Does the kestrel have a licence to kill denied to the mink? Or is the wildlife lobby seeking to establish a predatory "level playing field" in the New Forest, a sort of Darwinian ground zero?

Animal conservationists are ardently protecting stoats, weasels, badgers and otters. They are putty in the hands of aerial raptors such as the red kite, osprey and hen harrier. They dare not touch that rottweiler of the skies, the Canada goose. Yet they have declared war on the mink of Crow Hill Farm. They are out to kill those that have escaped, and to hasten the elimination by law of those in captivity.

Perhaps, like the pigs of Tamworth and the razor clams of Paignton, the mink are wise to their fate. Perhaps across Britain, animals and birds are hearing the call of the wild. From deep in their genes, they hear the cry of their forefathers, to get out, hit back, go for the throat. They have sensed that the new Britain is hard, mean and competitive. The predators must mutate and survive.

Perhaps human beings are reacting in like manner. Ever since Thatcherism we have been at risk of regressing down the evolutionary tree. Down there in the New Forest a greater struggle is stirring. It is not just, man against mink, but mankind against disaster. It would indeed be a pity, having gone so far, to drop our guard now. Hence, tallyho!

Alan Coren



■ Tiggy's summer of discontent? Tea at the Corens is riskier

I was up on my roof last Sunday afternoon, standing beside its chimney on the narrow flat bit between the two pitched tile-hung flanks, when my thoughts suddenly found themselves turning to Tiggy Legge-Bourke. Not, lest you jump to a quick conclusion, because I had gone up there in order to abseil down — in my fragile case, abseiling itself would almost certainly be a jump to a quick conclusion — but because it had just occurred to me how remarkably fortunate it was that Miss Legge-Bourke had not brought Prince William round for tea that day. Had she done so, the chance of his becoming King William might well have disappeared for good.

I point this out not to aggravate the sobbing distress that poor Tiggy is by all accounts currently suffering, but, if possible, to appease it. I want her to smile through her tears. I want her to blow her nose on her Hermès hankie and get on with her life. I want her, most of all, to understand that there is at least one man in this queendom who does not believe that, in allowing the two little Princes to chuck themselves off the Grwyne Fawr dam, she has toppled Richard of Gloucester from history's pole position. For, as the result of being up on my roof, I feel particularly qualified to bring home to her the home truth that, in the matter of mortal threat, there is nothing special about the Black Mountains. Whoever you are: when page and monarch forth they go, they go in equal peril, be it in Crickhowell or Cricklewood. The world is rife with risk for all of us.

When I was a little lad, my parents used to take me to Devon: it had the best beaches, it had the best sunshine, it had the best landladies. What it did not have was giant razor clams which — thanks to a rich combination of global warming, El Niño, nourishing pollutants, and, very probably, New Molluscs initiatives — wriggled up at low tide to slice your toes off. Well, then: had, last weekend, the luckless Tiggy taken the royal boys not to Wales but to Torbay for a bit of a paddle, would she have been crucified by the tabloids for neglecting to ensure that they were strapped into safety boots, smeared all over with industrial-strength bivalvicide, tethered by a long rope to the pier's St John Ambulance booth, and wading behind a Royal Navy clam-sweeper?

Or suppose she had opted for a jolly outing to the New Forest — to picnic, to ride a pony, to pluck a few wild flowers for HM the Granny, to chuck a ball about — and Harry had been eaten by mink? Who among us would not have sympathised with Tiggy's crying "We didn't expect mink, this wasn't Bond Street"? And what if William and Harry had wanted a nice big bag of chips with that picnic, and these had been fashioned from a genetically modified spud which would see to it that, when Tiggy returned his sons to their father after the weekend, they were 6in shorter and perceptibly turning into daughters? And had the boys preferred to be taken not to any of the above but to Headingley to watch Umpires v The Rest, who can be sure that, such were the unremitting *coups de foudre* of the weekend's play, they would not have suffered several heart attacks each? If, that is, they had ever arrived in Leeds at all, given the odds on their car's having been rammed by a hurtling Reliant Robin with a centenarian road-rager at the wheel.

And no, I am not missing the point that there is a very big difference between a predictable risk and an unpredictable one. I am seeking to comfort Tiggy with the point that it is a very small difference when it comes right down to it. Certainly when a tile comes right down to it, which is why I was on the roof on Sunday, trying to ascertain why it had just done so. Why, that is, when Mrs Coren and I were having our tea in the garden, the empty deckchair between us was suddenly rent in half by something which had been contentedly clutching the roof for 70 years until suddenly deciding it was time to let go. Now, just suppose Prince William had told Tiggy that what he really wanted to do that day was to join the Corens for cucumber sandwiches in Cricklewood. That chair would not have been empty.

Long odds, I grant you, but odds nonetheless. So do cheer up, Tiggy.

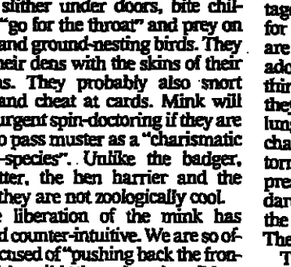
End of term?

IS ISLINGTON tiring of the Blairs? Erstwhile friends and foes in the First Couple's former stomping-ground are ganging up to kick Cherie off the board of governors of the school which her sons attended and where her daughter, Kathryn (pictured), remains a pupil. The PM's wife has been a governor of St Joan of Arc Primary School in Highbury for the past decade and renominated herself for a further four-year stint before heading for Tuscany. But local Labour and Lib Dem councillors and some governors are planning to block her reappointment, I suspect, to punish the Blairs for sending Euan and Nicholas to a school outside Islington.



Cherie's perception of the role of a governor has also proved unpopular: her attendance record at meetings has been attacked and she supported the principle of letting education authorities sack parent representatives who are deemed to be incompetent. Left-wing Labour councillors hope she will bow out without a prolonged battle.

Some Islington Lib Dems are more forthright. "It's a shame she has not sent her kids to our secondary schools," says Laura Willoughby. But Tom Crawley, the governors' chairman, backed the First Lady: "People are playing politics with the appointment. It would be a shame if someone who has worked so hard should go out on a sour note." This could be more entertaining than the NEC elections.



● *NEW job, new Mandy. Peter Mandelson has written to his new employees at the DTI: "Everyone's views matter to me and these should be expressed openly and honestly." I look forward to hearing from the first flunky to stand up to Mandelson who survives.*

Sharp words

ANTONIA FRASER, Julie Burchill and Maeve Binchy are tools of the arms industry. An astounding claim to make, I hear you say. But I rest my case by pointing out that all three authors are published by Orion: it has just sold 70 per cent of its equity to Hachette, whose Lagardere group makes missiles.

Moreover, Jean-Luc Lagardere, the chairman of Matra-Hachette Lagardere, has had brushes with scandal across the Channel. A crony of President Chirac, he had an unfortunate run-in with France's stock market *flic* when he was formally reprimanded for misuse of corporate funds. Mind you, some of Orion's authors — Alan Clark, John Keegan and Paul Johnson — may possibly not be too bothered by a touch of arms-dealing.

● *THE Gallagher brothers are making a concerted effort to become a pair of country gents. Mike Rowe, who tinkles the ivories for Oasis, their band, tells me: "I played croquet with Noel and Liam last weekend." They play at Noel's eight-acre estate in Buckinghamshire. The Croquet Association welcomes the rock stars into its midst. But before the brothers can be allowed to swing their mallets for Queen and country, the association has to formulate its policy on drugs-testing.*

Unholy ties

AMERICA'S most senior Anglican bishop has come out. Frank T. Griswold has disclosed why his middle name is Tracy. The presiding bishop of the American Episcopal Church is descended from Sir William of Tracy, one of the four murderers of Thomas à Becket (below). Griswold, I understand, supported the liberal bishops who clashed with our own Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, at the Lambeth Conference. "I am glad I was given a more pacific task than my ancestor," the American says. Carey no doubt agrees.



● *ANTON MOSIMANN is to enter the marriage business. The chef is planning to host civil ceremonies at Mosimann's, his Belgravia eatery. The wedding cakes promise to be scrumptious.*

Jury shy

MAX CLIFFORD, my sparring partner in public relations, has wriggled out of jury service. He was due to appear at Kingston Crown Court but claimed his business would be ruined if he took part. Strange behaviour, you might think, for a man who has represented a criminal pantheon that includes O.J. Simpson and Divine Brown. "It would be distracting for someone sitting next to me in court with my phone going off all the time," Clifford says. "My wife suggested I plead insanity."

● *SOME political friendships endure. John Profumo, the former Minister of War brought down over his affair with Christine Keeler (above), enjoys fishing trips on the Scottish estate of Sir Anthony Nutting, the former Foreign Office minister who resigned over the Suez crisis. "We have been friends for a very long time," says Sir Anthony. "We go back to the Forties." John Nutting, QC, his son, should appreciate his father's first-hand experience of scandal: he has been briefed to defend Jonathan Aitken against perjury charges.*



EDWARD WELSH

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BROWN'S BEARS

Not yet a recession, but tough times have begun

Across the belatedly sunbaked land, the bears have come out to spoil the summer picnics. That is true for the thousands who have lost their jobs in recent months; and so it certainly appears to the Confederation of British Industry, which reports drops in manufacturers' order books each month since March and no respite in view. Every region of the country is affected, including — as the workers about to be laid off as part of the BOC Group's global restructuring and the BP merger with Amoco discovered yesterday — parts of the Home Counties where hurricanes hardly happen.

All these companies, whatever Gordon Brown says, cannot be special cases whose difficulties have little or no relevance to Britain's economic performance and prospects. The Chancellor's stern lectures about manufacturing's failures to boost productivity may also bear more sceptical scrutiny than they have been given. The London Business School disputes his figures, arguing that changes in statistical method have caused an overestimate of the increases in manufacturing employment and underestimates of output growth, so that the productivity record is by no means as poor as Mr Brown paints it. But to whatever extent industry has or has not made the bed in which it now lies, there is no doubting how uncomfortable it is finding it.

The rise in sterling, by 24 per cent in the past two years without counting the steep depreciations of Asian currencies, is hurting export orders and profit margins, particularly in the electronics industry, which is most vulnerable to investment cutbacks in Asia. The impact would be worse were it not that strong corporate balance sheets have enabled many leading manufacturers to absorb margin losses. But with declining export orders no longer offset by strong domestic demand, business confidence has evaporated at a quite startling rate.

Growth is now plainly coming down rapidly, more than is consistent either with government claims of a perfectly engineered soft landing or with hopes of avoiding a possibly quite steep surge in unemployment. Recession is still unlikely, but this looks like a quite serious overshooting of the planned "correction". Manufacturing is not the only cause for concern. Among retailers, a third of whom have been consistently — and with reason — optimistic about the near-term sales outlook for several years now, that proportion has dipped sharply in just two months, first to a fifth and then once more to less than 10 per cent.

This points to a truth that seems more clearly perceived in the high street than by the Bank of England's theoretical economists, which is that Britain's booming services sector is not immune to a downturn in manufacturing. Agriculture directly accounts for only 2 per cent of the economy and is no longer the principal rural employer; but its importance for jobs and prosperity in the rural economy is much greater than this would suggest. The same goes for manufacturing. Its share of the economy may have shrunk to just over 20 per cent, as against around half for services, but the raw statistics mislead. The services sector includes suppliers to industry — more so now than ever before, owing to the increasing reliance of manufacturers on outside contractors for everything from factory cleaning to computer maintenance. Outside London, which is a special case because of Whitehall and the City, manufacturing remains hugely important to the urban economy. And City dealers and corporate financiers need healthy businesses in which to trade — as the gloom in global stock markets underlines.

Mr Brown can do little about sterling, other than hope that the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee keeps its itchy fingers off the jugular vein. He could lay off the hectoring, though, in favour of more creative help to Britain's less efficient smaller businesses from the Department of Trade and Industry. These, by contrast to the world-beating British market leaders, badly need to raise their value-added to regain international competitiveness. The Asian crisis is far from played out, and the next two years are going to be extremely tough. It will take more than righteous lectures to position British manufacturing to take advantage of the next global upturn.

THE NEWT DEAL

Gingrich ponders his options on an Irish tour

Co Donegal and Co Londonderry might seem a far cry from Iowa and New Hampshire. Newt Gingrich's decision to spend the next few days on either side of the Irish border retracing his roots has, inevitably, encouraged speculation about his political intentions. The Speaker of the House of Representatives might indeed hold an innocent interest in genealogy. As John Kennedy, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton have already shown, the "Hibernian Primary" is also a well-worn path for presidential candidates. Mr Gingrich is contemplating a campaign for the Oval Office.

Not long ago this idea would have been little short of ridiculous. For all his intellectual appeal, Mr Gingrich's opinion poll ratings were not so much low as subterranean. The Republican Congress had been drawn into battle with President Clinton over the American budget and — in public relations terms at least — had been comprehensively routed. Although his party recovered sufficient terrain to retain its majority in Congress in 1996, Mr Gingrich's position seemed fatally undermined. On two occasions last year he had to fend off serious efforts to remove him from office.

Bill Clinton is not, though, the only survivor in American politics. The Speaker's enduring strengths have seen him through. Mr Gingrich remains the most compelling man of ideas in the conservative movement. He continues to be an astute political strategist. He can hold the highly diverse strands of the Republican Party together. Although the current Congress has a modest legislative record, it is reasonably popular with the American people. The Speaker's own ratings have improved considerably. The Republicans are likely to hold the House of Representatives in November's elections.

For Mr Gingrich, victory alone will not be enough. He knows that the "Republican Revolution" of 1994 has run out of steam somewhat. There have been substantial achievements such as welfare reform and a balanced budget agreement. In many other instances, Mr Clinton has blocked or blurred the Republican prospectus. That programme cannot be enacted without a Republican President. Under congressional rules that he himself designed, Mr Gingrich can serve as Speaker for only another four years. He must be tempted to seek the White House in order to finish what he has started.

That quest might be tempting fate. Mr Gingrich remains a controversial figure. The Republican field for 2000 may be both wide and thin but there is not much evidence that Mr Gingrich can capture the nomination. At the moment, Governor George Bush Jr of Texas looks a very strong contender. There is, of course, no disgrace for Mr Gingrich in defeat. The danger is that his agenda could not survive his demise at the polling booth. In the worst case scenario, Mr Gingrich would not be President or Speaker or man of influence. That would be a tragedy for the Republicans and American politics.

Mr Gingrich has another option. He could remain as Speaker and then shape a radical schedule for the next Congress. This would include a complete overhaul of the American tax code and fundamental reform of social security. He could put a lame-duck President on the defensive and determine the next Republican manifesto. The *Contract with America* might finally be enacted. Henry Clay, a 19th-century Speaker of the House, intoned that he would "rather be right than be President". Mr Gingrich might well determine that he would rather be right than risk all in the pursuit of the presidency.

THE NORTH WIND BLOWS

Godber has bitten off more than he can chew

One of the roles of any respectable northern playwright is to make whispered asides about the West End scene. John Godber, a leading player in the theatre world, is, reputedly, one of the most respected playwrights in Britain, ranking only behind William Shakespeare and Alan Ayckbourn in the number of his performances staged. As a plain-speaking miner's son who battled upwards against the odds, he is also typecast as a professional northerner. So his criticism of West End plays comes right on cue. Mr Godber has declared that eight out of ten theatre productions are "tedious".

Mr Godber's argument is not entirely unrehearsed. Steven Berkoff has made the same complaints, yet has done something to address them with vitriolic, abrasive plays which both challenge and chime with the emotions of their audiences. The West End does have its faults: formulaic musical productions, a tendency to put spectacle over dramatic subtlety, star-casting over artistry. Theatre is not simply about sitcom-style entertainment. If it were, audiences might indeed, as Mr Godber suggests, opt for a trip to the video library instead. But drama is an interactive art, demanding an alert intellect and an educated imagination. Mr Godber's popular comedies may well be deservedly successful, arousing the humour and sympathies of their audiences. The bard of laddishness, he celebrates and sends up the working bloke and his bar-room brags, with accessible stories of bouncers and body builders and saucy jaunts to Amsterdam. But this caricature might be thought tedious. The works may be full of pierside pleasure, but they lack the depth and dark irony of his fellow northerner, Sir Alan Ayckbourn.

The West End theatre world is a billion-pound industry. More than 40,000 jobs depend on it. And, as long-running shows outsell even Hollywood blockbusters, it remains one of London's greatest tourist attractions. Compared with Broadway, the variety it offers is impressive. Innovative, experimental works, tested by such theatres as the National or Royal Court, are brought to the West End. Patrick Marber's witty, excoriating *Closer*, now at the Lyric and into its third cast, is as powerful a refutation as possible to those who claim that the West End is out of touch. It is as likely that eight out of ten people who see such productions conclude that Mr Godber is tedious instead.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Danger of return to boom and bust

From the Head of the Policy Unit, Institute of Directors

Sir, May I add to the debate on the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (letters, August 3 and 7). I believe that the MPC would benefit from having fewer academics and more people with real-world experience. I also believe that the MPC's recent reading of inflationary pressures has been overly influenced by recent earnings figures.

But the real problem of macroeconomic management doesn't lie with Threadneedle Street. It lies in Whitehall. It lies with a Chancellor who seems to have abdicated responsibility for economic management. Indeed the Treasury seems to have become a department for social engineering rather than of economic management.

The Chancellor seems content to make decisions about fiscal policy with scant regard for the overall balance of the economy. He has had two opportunities to provide a much-needed squeeze on the consumer; but he did not take them. The Bank of England has therefore been left with its one club of higher interest rates to slow the economy.

This has undoubtedly underpinned the pound's value, which in turn has had such devastating consequences for some parts of manufacturing industry. Manufacturing has been left to take the brunt of the slowdown and is effectively in recession, whilst the services sector still shows some growth.

I take strong issue with those who dismiss the importance of manufacturing as being "only" 20 per cent of the economy. Here the key trade unions and I are at one. We must not ignore the difficulties of a sector which is vital to our balance of payments, is a crucial employer (especially in some of the less prosperous regions) and on which many services depend. If the mantra of "no more boom and bust" is to mean anything then it must apply to all the significant sectors of the economy — including manufacturing.

It is vital that the Chancellor reconsiders his approach to economic management, tightens fiscal policy and enables the MPC to bring down interest rates (and hence the pound), so that the economy can regain some balance. I believe the very early 1980s — when so much manufacturing capacity was needlessly destroyed — was a period of serious economic mismanagement. And I'm seeing the mistakes repeated.

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From Mr William Clarke

Sir, The leaders of British industry and British trade unions (report, Business, August 7) are understandably concerned about the implications of the Chancellor's decision to leave decisions about future interest rates to the Bank of England and its Monetary Policy Committee. They believe that rates should be lower and seek the Chancellor's intervention. One of your correspondents today believes that the Chancellor has given the Governor and the MPC "an unworkable brief".

Yet a large section of British industry and the manufacturing unions has been clamouring for Britain to enter the single currency. If we had joined the EMU in the first round, such supporters of the single currency would now be anxiously wondering what single rate of interest the new and fully independent European Central Bank would impose on us from January 1, 1999. Would it be at a rate to cope with the rising prosperity in Ireland, Holland or Finland, or pitched much lower to help unemployment in France and Germany?

Had we been members, they would have had no redress, whatever was decided. And, according to a statement earlier this summer by the ECB's first President, they would have had to wait at least 16 years for a sight of the monetary minutes, not weeks as here.

It is not hard to conclude that the democratic cost of joining the single currency, at least until some semblance of parliamentary accountability has been imposed on the Commission in Brussels and the ECB in Frankfurt, is far too high, whatever the advantages stressed by the Chancellor.

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'Brutality' in Kosovo

From Lord Hylton

Sir, Milosevic refuses diplomats access to suspected mass graves (report, August 7). At the same time he displaces and drives into exile the civilian Albanian population and burns down their houses.

Unless he withdraws his brutal forces and restores full autonomy to Kosovo, the Western powers should rearm and train the KLA and give it full support from the air.

We have witnessed too much suffering and should apply the lessons painfully learnt in Bosnia.

Yours faithfully,
HYLTON,
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Oxbridge MA: a question of degree?

From Mr Paul Redgrave, MA (Oxon)

Sir, I did not like the idea of buying my MA (report and leading article, August 8) but was urged to do so by the headmaster of a school at which I taught in the 1950s. He said parents were impressed by higher degrees, however obtained.

I had had six Anglo-Saxon or Old English poems broadcast by the BBC. These were modern English versions, translated into prose, then versified. There was probably as much work as that involved in taking a Master's degree at, say, Essex, as some of the poems were quite lengthy.

I submitted copies of the transcripts to the university and asked if these would be acceptable instead of the usual fee, which was then £7 (nearly a week's teaching salary for me). The reply was swift and welcome. The scripts had been seen by my two former tutors in Old English who had also heard the broadcasts and approved of the award for this work. This meant that with a clear conscience I could be an Oxford MA, eligible to vote in the election for Chancellor of the university, the Professor of Poetry and whatever else.

With this uplifting letter came a bill for £7 for "administrative costs".

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From Ms Susan Kellerman, MA (Essex)

Sir, Over the last 24 years, my numerous contacts with academics, teachers and other professionals from all over the world have shown, contrary to the assertion in your leading article, just how prevalent is the belief that the Oxbridge MA is on a par with that from any other university. Indeed, it may even be accorded superior status because of the renown enjoyed by Oxford and Cambridge.

This misconception is important, and can have unfortunate consequences in situations where titles and qualifications matter.

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From Miss Susie Henley, BA (Oxon)

Sir, Whilst studying psychology at Oxford (1994-97) I wrote 96 essays, for each of which I was expected to read at least four or five academic papers, I attended lectures and practicals (and tackled the associated reading), and wrote a dissertation — all in a total of 64 weeks of term time.

A friend of mine, not at Oxford or Cambridge but also studying psychology, was required to write two essays per term, in addition to her lectures and practicals.

I have always assumed that my MA qualification, should I choose to claim it, would rightfully reflect the extra amount of work done and knowledge gained.

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Price of supermarket dominance

From Sir Julian Rose

Sir, In his article "Check out Labour's new barons" (August 6) Roger Scruton robustly exposes the price a nation must pay for becoming dependent on a handful of monopolistic national and multinational food giants.

For decades the Government has feigned a fatalistic acceptance of the supremacy of global market forces in deciding how the rural economy and farming policies should be shaped. Can we hope for anything better now?

The advent of the newly established regional development agencies, coinciding with long-term regional planning conference procedures, means that a sustainable development policy for the regions will be under close scrutiny.

We have a welcome opportunity to forge "green" sustainable links between people and their food, energy and housing needs. A bold and imaginative approach could ultimately mean economic prosperity in a countryside currently battered by the cheap-food ideology of unrestrained market forces.

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From the Countess of Cranbrook

Sir, Roger Scruton has highlighted the well-known effects of superstores on the viability of high street and village shops. Indeed, a recent report by the National Retail Planning Forum has shown that there has been a net loss of almost 25,000 jobs in local shops within the ten-mile catchment areas of 93 such superstores. Less well known is the impact on rural food producers.

In June 1997, concerned that Tesco planned to build an edge-of-town superstore at Saxmundham, I surveyed 81 food shops in its claimed impact area, collectively employing 548 people. Of these shop-owners, 67 judged that the superstore would undermine their trade to an extent that could ultimately force closure, in some cases immediately. Crucially, these 81 shops were sourcing food from over 200 local producers (farmers, smallholders, jam-makers, bakers, beekeepers, and so on).

If the retailers are threatened, so too are their suppliers. Some of the larger local producers do also sell to superstores; however, most of those to whom I spoke agreed that they could not have started without the market provided by small local shops. This fact is critical for policymakers.

I found a hitherto undocumented, highly diversified local economy, well integrated into an efficient system and self-sustaining to a high degree. For example, much of the meat sold by butchers has travelled less than 100 miles from field to plate.

Similar local economies certainly exist elsewhere, and need investigation. Meanwhile, we must conclude that, as superstores saturate rural areas, thriving local economies are threatened. Also jeopardised is a rich seedbed in which new businesses can take root and grow.

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From Mr Simon Mighall

Sir, Mr Gerald Isaaman's comment (letter, August 8) on supermarkets (among others) "ripping off" the consumer was well illustrated in your report on pork prices in the same issue. The Meat and Livestock Commission's figures quoted show that, whilst pig prices to farmers fell by approximately 45 per cent between 1996 and 1998, the corresponding decrease in the price paid by consumers (including, of course, in supermarkets) was approximately 17 per cent.

Surely proof that supermarkets are not always the consumers' champions they claim to be.

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Early signs

From Mr Allan R. Thom

Sir, Dr Matt Jones (letter, August 8) tells us of a colleague who found an edible sandwich with a "sell-by" date of "160".

The manufacturers of a can of beer I recently consumed on an American airline seem to have resolved the "sell-by" date and millennium bug problems by informing me the beer was "born on 9th April 1998".

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Testing times

From Mr Vikram Singh

Sir, Would irony be too outraged if the Headingley umpires be given the benefit of any doubt?

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Seasonal stock

From Mrs Sandra C. King

Sir, At the start of this August heatwave I went to a well-known high street catalogue store to purchase two sun-loungers. "They have all been sent back to our warehouse, we are now using our autumn/winter catalogue," was the reply.

I could, of course, have bought an artificial Christmas tree.

Yours sincerely,
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August 10.

Back to basics?

From Major O. Crocombe

Sir, Simon Jenkins writes ("Straight and narrow", August 8) of Church of England fundamentalists that "they have surrendered reason to a book".

Is that not the basis of all religion?

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER CROCOMBE,
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August 8.

Proof King Arthur is more than myth

From Mrs Rosalind Kerven

Sir, The inscribed slate found by archaeologists at Tintagel may possibly be "the first *iangible* (my italics) evidence that King Arthur may have been a man and not just a myth" (report and leading article, August 7), but the likelihood that a great warrior called Arthur really existed was demonstrated by scholars many decades ago.

A 6th-century poem, *Y Gododdin*, contains the cryptic lines: "He glutted black ravens on the wall of the fort / although he was not Arthur", and Dark Age Welsh monastic records mention Arthur several times as a successful Christian war leader, alongside many other proven historical figures.

Such documentary evidence has its roots in authentic oral history, meticulously memorised and recited by contemporary bards. It provides far more powerful and dignified proof of Arthur's existence than scraps of graffiti untidily scratched on a piece of stone.

Yours faithfully,
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August 7.

From Miss Liz Rutherford

Sir, I must challenge Professor Christopher Morris's reported statement that King Arthur "is a figure who first enters the historical domain in the 12th century".

Geoffrey of Monmouth is famous for creating the fantastic figure of the English King in his 12th-century chronicles. However, Geoffrey did not invent Arthur — he only elaborated on established source material; already by the 9th century Nennius was writing of the King as an historical and factual personage, the victor of the Battle of Mount Badon (c AD500).

While it is possible that Nennius incorporated King Arthur in his chronicle because he was already a popular and famous figure, it is equally possible that some other famous warrior, Arthur (or Artognu), existed in the 6th century and was being used in the bardic oral tradition by the 7th.

There is also an historical basis — if not an incontrovertible one — which links King Arthur to both the area of Tintagel and the date of the newly discovered slate. The tendency of subsequent storytellers to romanticise and mythologise King Arthur should not be used to dismiss any factual basis for his existence.

Yours sincerely,
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August 9.

From Dr Michael Senior

Sir, I hate to spoil the fun, but perhaps English Heritage and others are unaware that, during the late 6th and early 7th centuries, variants of the Latin "*Artorius*" became quite a fashionable name?

The historicity of Arthur is not just unknown but irrelevant. The myth is immortal because it is potent symbolically. Trying to reduce it to history does it no service.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SENIOR
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August 8.

From Mr Steve Dickinson

Sir, Shock, horror ... King Arthur revealed as that bloke who put the drains in for Tintagel parish council in AD570. Maybe this'll finally put the lid on the Grail/Excalibur questers. Then again ... a 7th-century hoaxer is probably laughing in some Cornish grave.

Yours faithfully,
STEVE DICKINSON,
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August 7.

Motorway manners

From Mr Peter Abraham

Sir, Dr David Harris wishes to know (letter, August 4) what to do when one sees another driver on the motorway with a mobile telephone in one hand and various papers spread over the steering wheel. The answer is simple: leave at the next exit.

Yours faithfully,
PETER ABRAHAM,
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August 4.

From Mr David Wilson

Sir, In the interests of self-preservation, I give as wide a berth as possible to motorists seen telephoning or reading while driving. After all, I don't want them bumping into me while I'm trying to tune the car radio.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WILSON,
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August 4.

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BALMORAL CASTLE
August 10: Lieutenant Commander Toby Williamson RN was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

BALMORAL CASTLE
August 11: Lady Dugdale has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 11: The Princess Royal today opened the Oncology and Cardiac Specialist Centres at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, and was received by Mr John Trahair (Deputy Lieutenant of Devon).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Cornwall '98 — the World Watersports Festival, this afternoon visited the Inter-Celtic Watersports Festival, Bude, and was received by Vice Admiral Sir James Jungius (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall).

Sir David English

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir David English will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London, at noon on Thursday, October 15. Those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets to: Mrs Ina Miller, Room 630, Northcliffe House, 2 Derry Street, London W8 5TT, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted on October 7.

Service dinner

Powys Battalion Army Cadet Force

Mr M.I. Bourdillon, recently retired Lord-Lieutenant of Powys, was dined out at the annual camp dinner night of the Powys Battalion Army Cadet Force held last night at Browndown Training Camp. Colonel G.E.J. Blythe, Commanding Officer, and officers of the cadet force were the hosts. Captain W. Kavanagh presided.

The Mayor of Llanwrtyd Wells, Colonel M.G. Coulson, Deputy Commander 160 (Wales) Brigade, and Brigadier W.A. Mackereth, Secretary of the TAVR Association Wales, were among the guests.

Birthdays today

Mr Roger Abel, former chairman, Conoco Exploration Production, Europe, 55; Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC, 56; Mr Kenneth Collins, MEP, 59; Admiral Sir Kenneth Eaton, 64; General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, 77; Sir Anthony Jolliffe, former Lord Mayor of London, 60; Dr Tommy Kemp, physician and former rugby player, 83; Professor David King, FRS, Master, Downing College, Cambridge, 59; Mr Mark Knopfler, singer, songwriter and guitarist, 53; Mr Norris McWhirter, founder editor, Guinness Book of Records, 73; Mr Floris Maljers, KBE, former joint chairman, Unilever NV, 65; Sir Robin Nicholson, FRS, metallurgist, 64; Lord Renton, QC, 90; Mr Pete Sampras, tennis player, 27; Mr Jonathan Taylor, chairman, Booker, 63; Mr Peter West, former sports commentator, 78; Professor Graham Zellick, Vice-Chancellor, London University, and Principal, Queen Mary and Westfield College, 50.

Oxford University

The Senior Mathematical prize and Johnson University prize for 1998 have been awarded to Graham R. Sharp, The Queen's College.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Thomas Bewick, engraver, Newcastle, 1753; King George IV, reigned 1820-30, London, 1762; Robert Southey, Poet Laureate 1813-43, Bristol, 1774; Sir Joseph Barnby, composer, York, 1838; Jacinto Benavente, dramatist and poet, Madrid, 1866; Cecil B. de Mille, film producer, Ashfield, Massachusetts, 1881; Erwin Schrodinger, physicist, Nobel laureate 1933, Vienna, 1887; Dr C.E.M. Joad, civil servant, author and controversialist, Durham, 1891.

DEATHS: Nahum Tate, Poet Laureate 1692-1715, London, 1715; Robert Stewart, Viscount Castlereagh, statesman, committed suicide, North Gray Place, Kent, 1822; William Blake, poet and artist, London, 1827; George Stephenson, builder of The Rocket, Tapton, Derbyshire, 1848; Sir William Jackson Hooker, 1st Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 1841-65, London, 1865; James Lowell, poet and diplomat, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1891; Adolf Erik Nordenskjöld, Arctic explorer and geologist, Dalbyö, Sweden, 1901; John Philip Holland, submarine pioneer, Newark, New Jersey, 1914; Arthur Griffith, Irish statesman, Dublin, 1922; Leos Janacek, composer, Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, 1928; Thomas Mann, novelist, Nobel laureate 1929, Zurich, 1955; Ian Fleming, creator of James Bond, Canterbury, 1964; Professor Sir Ernst Chain, biochemist, Nobel laureate 1945, Ireland, 1979; Henry Fonda, actor, Los Angeles, 1982.

Thomas Alva Edison made the first sound recording on to a foil-wrapped cylinder on the Edisonphone, 1887.

The first Model T Ford was produced, 1908.

Echo I, the first US communications satellite, was launched from Cape Canaveral, 1960.

The first giant panda born in captivity was delivered naturally in a Mexican zoo, 1980.

Luxury car sale recalls unsolved murder

Flamboyant gold prospector was battered to death

By John Vincent

IT IS one of the great unanswered crime riddles of the century: who killed Sir Harry Oakes?

"Diamond Harry", a prospector who tramped Canada as a youth before stumbling on the second richest goldfield in the world, was a remarkable man by any standards.

It is, however, for his bizarre death in his adopted home of the Bahamas on the night of July 7, 1943, that he is best remembered.

He was found by a friend, Harold Christie, an estate agent, lying on the bed, his body burnt in several places, fire still smouldering in the mattress. There were burns on the carpet and wardrobe and his skull had been fractured by a hard, blunt instrument.

The Duke of Windsor, who was Governor-General of the island, cancelled all appointments to supervise the inquiry, which was badly bungled.

Suspicion immediately fell on Sir Harry's son-in-law "Count" Alfred de Marigny, who was charged with murder three days later. His subsequent acquittal was almost inevitable thanks to the incompetence or corruption of the police.

Now the Canadian multimillionaire's fabulously ostentatious car is set to revive memories of the unsolved murder that, after 55 years, still intrigues criminologists.

The magnificent 1928 6.6 litre Hispano-Suiza H6b sedanca de ville — the choice of European royalty, Indian maharajahs and Hollywood film stars — is expected to fetch around £100,000 when it is offered for sale by Brooks in the grounds of the famous Longchamp racecourse in Paris on September 7.

The H6b, reflecting the elegance of the era, was the favourite chassis of the fine firm of coachbuilders, Freestone and Webb, established in London in 1923, who built the elegant coachwork to Sir Harry's specifications.

It is being offered for sale from an American collection, returning to its Parisian roots for the first time since leaving the factory at Bois Colombes 70 years ago.

The remarkable Sir Harry — once shipwrecked off Alaska and on another occasion imprisoned by the Tsar of Russia — realised his dream in Ontario's Kirkland Lake district when he staked claims that formed the basis of one of the largest mining empires in the northern hemisphere.

His tenacity and achievements brought him formal and social recognition — a baronetcy from George VI and the friendship of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

He had homes in Florida and Maine, a house in Kensington Palace Gardens with separate flats for each of his five children, and an 850-acre estate in Sussex. When he decided to settle in the Bahamas, he financed Bahamas Airways, built an airfield and stocked a 1,000-acre farm with sheep specially imported from Cuba.

A man of simple and unpretentious tastes, he proved a generous benefactor but a cruel and vengeful enemy. Marigny, a playboy who only pretended to be a count, was an obvious suspect for Sir Harry's murder. He was said to have told police: "Oakes hated me for marrying his daughter Nancy. I hated him because he was a stupid old fool who could not be reasoned with ..."

The prosecution claimed that Marigny, having tired of trying to reason with Sir Harry, had planned and executed his murder and then tried to burn the body, pointing to fingerprints and scorched hair found at the scene to back up the theory.

But during the three-week trial in Nassau the case slipped away from the prosecution because of its inefficiency. The jury voted 9-3 for acquittal but unanimously recommended that Marigny be deported.

To this day, the killer is still unknown, although criminologists believe that one day there will be an answer to one of the century's most remarkable murder riddles.



Sir Harry two years before his murder in 1943



Sir Harry's magnificent Hispano-Suiza car

Inns of Court School of Law: Bar Vocational Course

PRIZES

The Scarman Scholarships: Robert Henry Palmer, Gray's Inn; Rebecca Jane Edmonds, Inner Temple

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The Everard Ver Heyden Foundation Prize: Anna Deane De Chassiron, Middle Temple; Sonia Ruth Harris, Lincoln's Inn; Giles Neil Laurence Wheeler, Middle Temple

Du Cann Memorial Prize for excellence in advocacy (for the student gaining the highest aggregate mark in the Advocacy assessments): Simon Christopher Birt, Gray's Inn

The Laurence Kingsley Prize for Drafting (for the student with the highest aggregate mark in the Drafting assessments): Tiffany Anne Scott, Middle Temple

The Wilfred Parker Prize for Evidence, Civil Litigation and Criminal Litigation (for the best student performance in the Multiple Choice Tests): Niamh Katrina O'Brien, Middle Temple

The Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry Prize (for the best performance in the Commercial Practice Options final assessments): Ricky Diwan, Lincoln's Inn

The British Academy of Forensic Sciences Prize (for the best performance in the Criminal Law Option): Nicholas Peter Horsley, Middle Temple

The CCH Editions Prize for Company Law (for the student with the highest mark in the Company Law Option assessment): Ricky Diwan, Lincoln's Inn

The Ver Heyden De Lancey Prize in Forensic Medicine: to be announced

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Palmer, R H (G); Edmonds, R J (I); Walsh, W J (M); Harris, S R (L); Wheeler, G N (M); De Chassiron, A D (M); Lewis, C D (M); Ayling, J A (M); Weisberger, M O (G); King, H G (I); Mirrielees, E M (I); O'Brien, N K (M); Beveridge, J (I).

Very competent
Addy, C J (M); Birt, S C (G); Hodgetts, E M (M); Horsley, N P (M); Cummerson, R J (M); Horne, J (M); Ratcliffe, P D (M); Castle, R D (G); Lum, M K (M); Bennett, L (M); Vamos, N P (L); Chambers, G M (M); Gledhill, O J (I); Foster, G R (G); Waddington, H F (L); Astill, K M (M); Cartwright, S P (I); Pritchard, G M (M); Gustafson, T K (M); Peters, E J (M); Kolinsky, D J (I); Bell, T M (M); Kiellor, K (L); James, D J (I); Boyd, S E (G); Lamb, S J (G); Braithwaite, T J (L); Flavell, N J (L); Collignon, L J (L); Pretsell, J D (G); Scott, M J (M); Heaton, L J (M); Davies, H P (G); Etheridge, J D (M); Woodbridge, V K (L); Tay, Y (G); Bailey, S J (I); Moollan, S A (M); Sjollin, C M (G); Lee, L (M); Sheldon, N J (G); Johnson, A S (L); Selby, S A (G); Jones, L (G); MacLean, C Y (I); Browitt, D P (I); McAllister, S J (I); Diwan, R (L); Daly, G (G).

Allison, D W (M); Mather, N I (M); Neenan, C M (G); Dickson, S D (M); Proops, A L (I); Wright, R J (M); Paul, D J (M); Bhogal, K (L); Truscott, C (L); Jago, C J (I); Donnelly, J A (G); Willcox, S T (M); Harrington, C S (L); Stewart, E C (M); Thompson, C (M); Pierpoint, K A (L); Showell, B C (M); Offer, A (M); Ogilvie-Graham, T (G); Hodgson, L (L); Waby, M (M); Tozzi, S (I); Brown, C K (I); Burnell, K (M); Earley, S J (I); Beck-Huson, J (G); Droop, J (M); Bayfield, D (I); Menzies, G W (I); Churton, D R (M); Richmond, F A (I); Male, K (L); Caistor, D J (L); Johnson, P M (I); Dearing, A J (M); Cross, J L (L); Kreisberger, R C (M).

Foster, A J (L); Kendrick, J M (L); Phelps, R J (L); Hawkins, E A (I); Bunting, D J (M); Chapman, R H (G); Taskeen, W U (L); Richardson, P I (L); Abeysekera, S (M); Sachdeva, V (M); Jerram, H A (G); Gardiner, J A (I); Stock, R A (I); Moll, L A (M); Chapman, G A (I); Hobbs, D S (L); Richter, R R (I); Bird, S R (G); Simmonds, A M (G); Gunn, A F (M); Burns, P A (L); Povoas, N J (L); Sharghy, P (I); Shaw, L M (G); Cottrell, S (I); Griffin, L (G); Naghdi, A (I); Forshaw, H J (M); Hah, S (M); Balakrishnan, M (L); Wilder, L N (I); Crane, R J (G); Tudway, S W (L); Baumber, K J (L); Craig, N (I); Kelly, R V (I); Blum, D (M); Coffey, N P (I); Smith, A D (M).

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Stacey, M N (I); Edwards, A C (I); Wolfe, M L (I); Gould, J L (L); Ramble, D R (M); Toney, R E (L); Kitchin, L J (M); Curphey, N M (L); Hart, N (G); Rawson, A D (I); Patel, R (L); Shepherd, J E (M); Murphy, C F (I); Segal, E (G); Gibbons, P L (M); Cannock, G M (G); Laney, A M (L); Thomas, D R (G); Rigby, G A (M); Jones, O E (I); Thomas, L J (M); Cridland, S J (M); Nambisan, D D (G); Worsley, N F (M); Gilmore, D A (M); Smith, D L (I); Mann, C (L); Wazir, B (L); Robertson, R D (I); Krebs, T (L); Howse, L A (G); Chua, S (M); Shone, G E (M); Stavrou, X (M); Hall, L J (G); Gray, M O (G); Abrams, N (I).

Lawrence, C J (M); O'Connell, G R (M); Palser, R A (I); Brown, K R (G); Ashley, N M (I); Matthews, C L (I); Maguire, J L (L); Wasunna, K J (G); Smith, A D (M); Robinson, N A (G); Wille, A L (L); Alles, G M (I); Murphy, S P (M); Marshall Williams, A P (I); Ashley, P S (L); Asif, M (I); Thompstone, H F (M); Del Priore, A M (M); Maharaj, R L (M); Jones, G B (G); Griffin, J (I); Maka, I I (L); Byrne, W J (L); Palmer, M J (M); Malone, G F (I); Barnes, S J (G); Troop, P B (L); Gibbons, D E (M); Wraight, O R (M); Ong, K T (I); Hayman, G E (M); Carter, D D (I); Mitchell, S L (I); McCafferty, C (M); Wright, E L (L); Lucas, M A (G); Kurzner, E L (M); Bowden-Smith, E J (I).

Stephens, M E (M); Scott, T A (M); Vince, D S (M); Martin, J A (M); O'Shea, P J (I); Wise, D J (L); Yip, M T (G); Nicolls, S E (M); Feeney, A M (M); Hornby, M A (M); Reynolds, J A (G); Green, S (L); Gibson, R M (L); Gent, M T (G); Miller, C A (L); McDougall, M I (G); Bentley, D P (L); Johnson, G T (I); Darlington, F L (L); Mellish, J J (M); Northover, J A (M); Thomas, C R (I); Hinxman, M A (M).

Competent
Abrahams, D R (M); De Verneuil Smith, P R (L); Taylor, L K (M); Rozain, R (L); Ferro, J (I); Marks, K A (M); White, J A (I); Tan, M C (M); Taylor, R A (M); Lanfear, P S (L); Sproston, L (M); Stradling, M D (G); Fairclough, J (G); Goldstein, H M (M); Bacon, K M (I); Murphy, M P (G); Turner, A N (M); Greatorex, P (L); De La Mare, C (G); Pugsley, A J (M); Davies, R (M); Gabisi, N (M); Davies, G N (G); Tan, S (L); Baker, S A (I); LaPaz, A (I); Gordon-Bassett, D C (M); Petts, P S (I); Rought-Brooks, H M (M); Precious, S M (L); Talbot, L K (L); Grange, K E (M); Maltz, B D (L); Miller, D R (I); Davies, R H (M); Winter, T (M); Workman, A J (L); Fletcher, E (I); Turkle, M A (G); Jones, M (L); Jackson, F R (I); Squires, D B (M).

Swain, J S (L); Fieldsend, H M (L); Darlington, E (M); Barr, P E (M); Haren, S J (M); Wells, C (I); Manser, Z A (G); Hodivala, J R (L); Timpson, A E (I); Medcroft, N J (L); Hussain, G (I); Atkins, V M (M); Isaacs, E (L); Lim, L (I); Edington, F A (M); Sabene, L E (M); Rattray, F M (I); Roberts, D O (G); Elsa, W (I); Wells, J D (G); Solomon, A J (G); Fahmy, L (L); Payne, J R (L); Smith, D K (G); Roberts, P A (M); Cowdrey, I A (M); Feargrieve, M A (L); Davies, A R (M); Knight, M A (G); Martin, R M (M); Kumar, N (G); Wood, S P (G); Shameli, S C (L); Payne, T (M); Daley, J O (L); Stokes, P G (L).

Potel, R X (L); Pinnell, E A (L); Holden, D I (I); Sands, S R (M); Pearson, G (G); Innes, M J (I); Archer, T A (L); Richardson, L (I); Mandra, J (M); Lovelock, C T (L); Povey, C (I); Cobbe, M R (G); Smart, E C (I); Coyle, S D (M); Leale, N J (L); Griffin, E J (I); Moollan, I A (M); Arshad, F (I); Lau, G K (G); Knight, S E (L); Berry, A C (I); Shanmuganathan, S (L); Kent, K J (L); Bulleyment, C I (L); Perry, S E (I); Savage, F (L); Stockwell, M C (G); Sleight, N (L); Lewis, D I (G); Goodman, A C (I); Cafferkey, N J (M); Esparon, N D (L); Millarini, L G (I); Bennett, D M (L); Awadalla, K E (M); Zeb, E S (I); Logan, G A (M); Hayes, K E (G); Holland, S (G); James, M S (M).

Harding, S J (M); Uzuegbunam, J (M); Chhabra, K (L); Baillie, A L (M); Taylor, K E (L); Lalani, S H (M); Oogarah, J R (I); Aggrey-Orleans, B K (I); Turner, S C (L); Artesi, D A (I); Owusu-Akyaw, J (G); Thomas, W (I); Cameron, L J (M); Iqbal, N (L); Potts, N M (G); Savage, M P (I); Troup, A W (G); Taylor, M (L); Adams, G J (G); Sector, G P (I); Hewitt, S T (I); O'Reilly, C M (G); Grainger, A J (I); Knight, S C (I); Hawkin, B (M); Lesson, M M (I); Rapley, C (I); Cifonelli, R G (G); Zambarta, M (M); Lockley, V J (M); Kerr, J L (I); Yap, R J (L); Ager, D M (L); Mooney, G J (G); Huggett, S D (M); Harris, K (I); Tomkyns, P Y (L); Chalkley, C D (M); Millward, K P (L); Onwuazor, I E (G); Jaggeet Singh, R (M); Higgins, P H (M).

Coleman, G R (I); Richmond, D H (L); Karume, F A (M); Burdis-Smith, R A (I); Cawley, E (L); Goh, S N (M); Watkinson, S L (L); Morgan, D J (M); Bjornson-Pennell, H K (M); Bland, L J (L); Last, A R (M); Kurdi, S (G); Emsellem, C M (M); Crew, G M (G); McMahon, A N (M); Hyams, N (L); Hourigan, S D (M); Van der mei, L J (I); Odium, C G (L); Rees, G (G); Hearnden, R C (G); White, S J (I); Philip, S V (G); Wilson, R M (M); Rhee, D (G); Shek, T S (M); Greenaway, N P (M); Lewis, K E (G); Olorunfemi, T (M); Kearsey, J (M); McCracken, J (M); Baksi, C J (I); Gaze, T L (I); McDermott, N (L); Burt, J M (G).

McNeely, G M (L); Balgobin, P (M); Smyth, E O (I); Stevens, M N (I); Blackburn, K E (M); Moody, J E (L); Kelly, T J (G); Evans, J K (M); Frew, L R (M); Cooper, W A (M); Doris, S D (G); Bradley, M J (G); Bostock, C (G); Hormaeche, A (M); Stokes, D D (I); Dearle, C W (M); Barrah, T J (I); Carter, A C (M); Styles, B C (M); Charalambous, C (G); Osammor, E C (G); Lowe, E H (M); Vincent, K (I); Thomason, E E (I); Roberts, G J (G); Ferrer, P (I); Reid, G S (I); Thomson, V E (L); Hudson, E (I); Taylor, D C (L); Shurdom, E (M); Johnson, B (I); Rustom, S S (M); Ng, Y (L); Coucounis, T (G); Ansah-Twum, W N (M).

Coomb, A E (L); Rethinasamy, R (L); Dosanjh, G (I); Vaz, M D (G); Marsh, S A (I); Hadgill, C A (M); Beattie, N (L); Dunlop, G B (L); Duhs, E A (M); McMurray, E D (M); Rees, D S (I); Scamardella, R (G); McQuilty, J J (I); Cooper, D K (I); Rene, J M (L); Dougan, C N (I); Hussain, Z (L); Moore, A M (M); McEntegart, F E (G); Tang, A W (L).

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Forthcoming marriages

Major J.M. Copinger-Symes and Miss M-C. Perez de la Sala
The engagement is announced between Major James Copinger-Symes, The Parachute Regiment, son of the late Colonel W.J.C.G. Copinger-Symes, OBE, and of Mrs Copinger-Symes, of East Anstey, Devon, and Maria-Christina, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Perez de la Sala, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr J.L. Hagan and Mrs J. Walls
The engagement is announced between Mr John Hagan, of Liverpool and Chester, and Mrs Judith Walls, of Formby.

Mr N.E. Hastings and Miss S.A.E. Waring
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of the late Mrs Rosemary Hastings, of Castle Cary, Somerset, and Sarah, daughter of Mr David Waring and the late Mrs Waring, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Lieutenant E.M.N-R. Holme and Miss K.M. Lilford
The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Edward Holme, 1 RHF, second son of Mr and Mrs R.R. Holme, of Nyahuvu, Zimbabwe, and Kirsty Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J. Lilford, of Mvuramachena Farm, Zimbabwe.

Lord Porchester and Miss F.J.M. Aitken
The engagement is announced between Geordie, son of the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, of Highclere, Hampshire, and Fiona, eldest daughter of the late Mr Ronnie Aitken and of Mrs Aitken, of London SW1.

Mr T.I.P. Radcliffe and Miss L.A. Roberts
The engagement is announced between Thomas, younger son of Mr Ivor Radcliffe, of Canterbury, Kent, and of the late Mrs Radcliffe, and Lucy, daughter of the late Mr Leon Roberts and of Mrs Roberts, of Liss Forest, Hampshire.

Mr J.R.C. Richardson and Miss M.E. Lowe
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.E. Richardson, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Madeline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs I.C. Lowe, of Brockenhurst, Hampshire.

Mr A.P. Roberts and Miss R.F. Tompson
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Derek Roberts, of Romsey, Hampshire, and Rayne, daughter of Mr David Tompson, of New England, and Mrs Ian Harwood, and stepdaughter of Mr Ian Harwood, of Poole, Dorset.

Mr M.J. White and Miss H.S. Maddison
The engagement is announced between Marcus James, younger son of the late Mr Peter Lionel White and of Mrs Daphne White, of Thorpe Bay, Essex, and Helen Stella, only daughter of Mrs Ruth Helen Maddison, of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire.

Marriage

Mr H.J.P. Miles and Miss L. Dickinson
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 8, 1998, at St Peter's Church, Bywell, between Mr Henry James Pearson Miles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Miles, of Shalbourne House, Shalbourne, Wiltshire, and Miss Laura Dickinson, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Dickinson, of Styford Hall, Stocksfield, Northumberland. Father Tom Emmett officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Luke Allison, Camilla and Anastasia Brown, George and Andrew Dickinson, Matthew Pearson Miles, Nicola Murray, Tabitha Nicholson and Pandora Pearson. Mr Mark Miles and Mr Toby Courtauld were best men.

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BIRTHS

CREAGH - To Michael and Sarah, a daughter, Anna Elizabeth on 29th July, a sister for Peter.

DUCKETT - On July 20th 1998, to William and Libby (née Thralfall), a daughter, Millie Joanna, a sister for Tom.

FINEGOLD - On August 8th at The Portland Hospital to Virginia (née Brown) and Nicholas, a son Benjamin Aubrey Charles, a brother for Gemma.

HAGGARD - On August 7th to Sophie (née Laybourne) and Philip, a son, John Victor Sherwen.

HEADLAM - On August 9th 1998, in Banbury, to Romany (née Watson) and Hugo, a daughter (Phoebe Frances Alexandra), a sister for Jemima.

KELLY - On July 31st at The Royal Surrey County Hospital to Rob and Jo (née Horstead), a perfect daughter Imogen Amber.

LAST - On July 16th to Sarah (née Bartleet) and Andrew, a son, Henry Jack.

LETTS - On August 11th, to Lois and Quentin, a daughter, Eveleen Ione Tyrell, a sister for Claud.

MADDOX - On August 5th to Debrah (née Olde) and Jeremy, a son, William Michael, a brother for Georgina and Emily.

MALLINSON - To Guy and Serena (née Everard) on August 8th 1998, a son, Kit Simon Benedict, a brother for Jasper.

MARR - On August 8th, to Carole (née Priestley) and Tim, a son, Thomas Edward.

BIRTHS

MITCHELL-GARNETT On August 9th at Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield, to Kersti and Nick - a son, Daniel Joseph.

SAUNDERS - On August 5th 1998 to Will and Faith (née Harvey), a son, Joseph Adam, a brother for Charlie and Rachel.

SCOTT - To Rob and Mina on 30th July 1998 a daughter, Ruchika Elizabeth, a playmate for David and Hamish.

SHALE - On August 5th 1998 in Edinburgh to Katriona (née Campbell) and Alastair, a son (Oliver Michael Campbell) a brother for Amelia.

SWANSON - ZAJAC - To Lucinda and Marcin on 5th August, a daughter, Alicia.

THURLOW - On August 10th 1998, at home, to Frances (née Wedderburn) and Richard, a son, Sebastian, a brother for Lydia.

WALKER - On August 8th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Joce and Diana, a daughter, Georgina Rose.

WHEELER - On 8th August to Tanya (née Koster) and Andrew, a son, Alexander Anthony.

DEATHS

BRABIN - Lady Mary. Widow of Sir Daniel Brabin. Suddenly but very peacefully on 9th August at St John & St Elizabeth Hospital, St John's Wood, London. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Holly Place, Hampstead, NW3 on Monday 17th August 1998 at 1.45 pm. Family flowers only. If desired, donations in her memory to Cancer Research.

DEATHS

CHILD VILLIERS - George Francis, Earl of Jersey. Died peacefully on 9th August 1998 at the Jersey General Hospital. Beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. The funeral service will take place at Grouville Parish Church on Monday 17th August at 2.30pm followed by private cremation, family flowers only please and donations if desired may be sent to Jersey Society for the Deaf, c/o The Treasurer Mr B Gray, Le Marais cottage, Rue de la Croute, St Ouen, Jersey or the British Heart Foundation (Jersey appeal) c/o Mrs V Scarborough, Le Hurel, La Rue du Tas de Geon, Trinity JE3 5AN. Enquiries to Pitcher & Le Quesne Limited, Funeral Directors. Tel: 01534 33330

CHOWN - Catherine (née Papadoyanni) on August 3rd 1998 aged 72. Much loved mother of Diana and Corinna, proud grandmother of Jonah, Naomi and Nicholas. Enquiries to J Corringe & Son Tel: 01483 416 403.

COLLIER - Gerald MA (Cantab). Principal, college of the Venerable Bede, University of Durham, 1959 - 1975. Beloved husband of Gwen and much loved father and grandfather. Died August 10th aged 88. Details of memorial service to be advised.

EUSTACE - On 8th August 1998 peacefully at Bessingby Hall Nursing Home Bridlington William Eardley Eustace the son of the late Bertram and Lillian Eustace of Tanganyika. Dearly loved cousin and nephew. Cremation private: memorial service to be announced later.

GONSALVES - Evelyn on August 3rd in Providence RI. Widow of the late Eddie Gonsalves of Georgetown, Guyana. Survived by her children Neil, Alexander, Edward, Suzette (Stratton) and Joseph, 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. The funeral has taken place.

HALDANE - Diana Marjorie (née Greig). On August 8th 1998, peacefully at Chesterton House, Cirencester aged 83. Widow of John Charlesworth Haldane, much-loved mother of Thomas, Susan (deceased), Rosemary and Diana, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Malmesbury Abbey on Tuesday, August 18th at 3.00pm followed by private burial at Stanley, Nr. Wakefield. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the Macmillan Nurses c/o H. & C. Matthews, Funeral Directors, 7 Burnham Road, Malmesbury, Wilts. SN16 0BQ Tel: 01666 822216.

KERFERD - George Briscoe, Emeritus Professor of Greek. On August 9th 1998 in hospital and of Didsbury, Manchester George aged 83 years, the beloved husband of the late Marianne and dear father of George and Charlotte. Service and interment at Dunham Lawn Cemetery, Dunham Massey, Altrincham on Monday, August 17th at 1.00 pm. All flowers and inquiries to C. Middleton & Son, 354 Parrs Wood Road, Didsbury, Manchester M20 6JD. Tel: 0161 434 3725.

MABEY - Stewart Edwin at home on July 30th 1998. Loving and beloved father of Sara, Charles and Nicholas. Funeral Wednesday August 12th, St Peter and St Paul's Church, Steeple Morden, Hertfordshire at 2:30pm. No flowers, donations to Greenpeace or UWESO UK Trust, P.O.Box 227, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey KT12 4YP.

MACAULAY - Margaret, peacefully at home on August 10th 1998, widow of the late Ian Macaulay and darling mother of Lindsay. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Tuesday 18th August at 11.30am. Any enquiries to Longhurst Tel:01372 723548.

MORRIS - John Harwald, suddenly but peacefully in Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, on August 2nd, aged 88. Dearly beloved husband of Inez, and much loved father of Stuart. Funeral service to be held at the United Reformed Church, Alderley Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire, at 12.00 noon on Tuesday August 18th. Family flowers only, but donations to either Help The Aged or The British Heart Foundation, c/o Albert R Slack, South Oak Lane, Wilmslow (01625-525063).

NICHOLSON - Margaret (née Clemson), peacefully at St George's Nursing Home SW1 on August 11th, aged 85 years. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium at 1:30pm on Monday August 17th.

NOBLE - Kay, beloved wife of Alexander (Sandy) Argus SA, CPU, IPTC, died suddenly August 7th. Mourned by her sons, daughters-in-law and eight grandchildren. Funeral at St. Michael's, North Waltham, Hants, 11.00am Monday, August 17th. Private cremation. No flowers please. Donations to Sight Savers International, Haywards Heath, RH16 4BX, would be appreciated.

PAGE - Leslie Ernest retired solicitor and former chief executive Fareham Borough Council, died peacefully on 4th August 1998. Will be sadly missed by his children Michael, Christopher and Susan and his seven grandchildren. Funeral Service at Porchester Crematorium on Thursday August 13th at 3.30 pm. Floral tributes or donations, if desired, to League of Friends, Gosport War Memorial Hospital to A H Freemantle 46 South Street, Titchfield Fareham Hampshire PO14 4DY.

PHILLIPS - Kathleen (née Beever). On 8th August peacefully at home in Hartford Cheshire, Kathleen Mary aged 83 years, much loved mother of Juliet and Rosalind and devoted grandmother. Funeral Service to take place at Hartford Parish Church on Monday 17th August at 10.00 am followed by cremation. Flowers or if desired donations to the Renal Unit Endowment Fund Withington Hospital please. Enquiries to George Lightfoot, Witton Mews, Northwich Cheshire. Tel. 01606 42011/40240.

SANDERS - Celia Talitha Rebecca Anne, aged 5 months on 5th August 1998. A precious gift to her parents, Jonathan and Caroline and to all those whose lives she touched.

SOMERS - Mary Gwendoline Ogle O. St. J. Saturday 8th August aged 82. Devoted wife of David and mother of Malcolm, Jeremy and Nicholas and dearly loved grandmother. Service at St Mary's Church, Hanley Castle on Monday 17th August at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to St. John Ambulance and R.N.L.I.

SPENCER - On Sunday 9th August 1998 at the Evelyn Hospital Cambridge after a long illness bravely fought, Thomas Victor Spencer aged 69 years of Barkway Herts, dearly loved by all his family and friends. Funeral service on Tuesday 18th August at 2.30pm at Barkway Parish Church, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations gratefully accepted for The Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o, S. Newling and Son, Funeral Directors, 2 Palace Gardens, Royston, Herts.

STAHL - Adam Jacek aged 92 beloved husband of Sheena Penelope and much loved father of Krys, Maria, Teresa and Andrew and a dear grandfather. Funeral on Monday August 17th at Golders Green Crematorium at 3.15pm. Family flowers only, donations to Alzheimers Disease Society.

STEPHENSON - Dennis, DSM on Saturday 8th August 1998. Dear husband of Elisabeth, father of Michael and grandfather of Sarah and James, formerly Deputy Collector of HM Customs and Excise. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Surrey on 17th August 1998 at 2 pm.

THOMAS - On 7th August 1998 suddenly in Hospital Ursula Audrey aged 88 years. Former Bursar at L.S.E. and much loved aunt. Funeral Service at 11:45 on Wednesday 19th August at the Hove Central United Reformed Church Ventnor Villas Hove followed by Committal at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton. Family flowers only please by request but donations if so desired to the Hove Central United Reformed Church c/o Attree & Kent Ltd 113 Church Street, Brighton. All enquiries 01273 686228.

THOMAS - Oliver. Born 22nd February 1980. Loved beyond reason. Died 3rd August 1998.

VINER - On August 8th 1998, peacefully in North London, Frederick William, aged 71. Beloved husband of Molly and much loved father of Jadie and Nicholas. Funeral service at Christchurch, Waterfall Road, Southgate on Tuesday August 18th at 12:30. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to North London Hospice, c/o Leverton and Sons Ltd, 1, Denmark Terrace, London N2 9HG.

WHITE - On the 4th August 1998 suddenly at his home Richard aged 68 years. The funeral service will take place at St. Mary's Church, Ilmington, Warwickshire on Friday 14th August at 2.30pm. Flowers will be welcome, but donations if preferred for the benefit of The Citizens Advice Bureau may be left at the service or sent c/o E. Locke & Son, Funeral Directors, Caution Corner, Brailes; OX15 5AZ.

WOODRUFF - Brydie, peacefully at home on August 9th 1998 surrounded by her family. Beloved wife of the late James and the mother of Charles, George and Henry. Funeral at Pitminster Church, Somerset, on Friday 14th August at 12.00 noon. Date of memorial service to be announced later. Enquiries Tel:01823 421244 No flowers but donations to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

To place death notices, acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CROWE - Dame Sylvia. A memorial service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Dame Sylvia Crowe will be held in St James's Church, Piccadilly, London on Tuesday, September 8 at 3pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BECKER - Bryan. In loving memory, dearest on your Birthday. Angela/Biddy.

MARRIAGES

LARARD:MACFARLANE - On August 1st, 1998, at St Helen's Church, Darley Dale, Mark elder son of Mr and Mrs John Larard of Elloughton, East Yorkshire to Nicola, younger daughter of Dr. and Mrs James Macfarlane of Darley Dale Derbyshire.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

CAMPBELL:ADDERLEY - (Campbell of Auchendarroch) Alan and Elisabeth on August 12th 1938, at St George's Church, Park Town Johannesburg SA. Currently living at Dunmer House, Riccall, Yorks.

BIRTHDAYS

CONNOCK - Elizabeth (née Nelson). The whole world rejoices on your 50th birthday. Wow, what an aged Wall played Lizzie. We love you. A, T, M, R, B & K

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OBITUARIES

A. V. B. NORMAN

A. V. B. (Nick) Norman, former Master of the Armouries at the Tower of London, died of cancer on July 20 aged 68. He was born on February 10, 1930.

When Nick Norman was appointed to the post of Master of the Armouries in 1977, he was quoted as saying that to be given such a job and be paid for it was all he could have wished for. It was a natural outcome to the dream of someone who, as a small boy, was brought up with a real ruined castle at the gate (Old Kildrummy, Aberdeenshire) where his imagination was fuelled by the history of this ancient seat of the warlike Earls of Mar.

Alexander Vesey Bethune Norman was born in Delhi, the son of a captain in the Gordon Highlanders. He was six when the family moved to the New Castle of Kildrummy, built by his uncle, Colonel James Ogston. He spent his childhood wearing the kilt, and not until he went on to Cambridge from Trinity College, Glenalmond, did he possess a suit (which had to be hurriedly run up for his interview at Peterhouse).

He loved Cambridge, where he studied agriculture, but eventually decided that the system was not for him, a view shared by some of his Scottish contemporaries — "the Clan" as they were called at Peterhouse — though he was alone in opting out at the end of his second year.

Then followed farming, first near Bridge of Allan, and subsequently in Glenshee. However, a back injury from an accident while out on an OCTU course with the Territorial Army put farming out of the question as a career.

So with his first wife, Cathy, he went to London to take an external London University degree with a history of arts bias, taking this in two years instead of the normal three. These were lean years for the couple materially, but Norman discovered another kind of richness. He became a protégé of Sir James Mann, the undisputed doyen of the arms and armour world at that time. With Sir James's encouragement, and the enthusiasm inspired by a London-based circle of enthusiasts, he broke into the museum world in 1957, taking a curatorial post at the Scottish United Services Museum in Edinburgh Castle. Six years there developed his knowledge of military uniform and a love of Highland arms and dress.



Nick Norman in 1988: he saw the finest arms as works of art

In 1963 he grasped the opportunity to become assistant to the director of the Wallace Collection. Although he made the arms and armour there his priority, becoming the leading expert on the armour of the 16th century and later writing a supplement to the three-volume catalogue produced previously by Sir James Mann, he also published catalogues of the Wallace's collection of gold boxes and majolica.

By the end of his 14 years at the Wallace, he was a natural candidate, in 1977, for the post of Master of the Armouries at the Tower of London. There he brought a new professionalism, improving the displays, the commitment to research and introducing new ways of recording the vast amount of material held at the Armouries, both on display and in the reserve collection. Under his aegis the Armouries increasingly joined other major museums in lending to the principal international art exhibitions. He saw, and persuaded others to see, the finest arms as works of art in themselves — as they were certainly seen at the time they were made.

He began publishing in 1962, and a steady procession of books and articles continued to appear until shortly before his death. *The Rapier and Small Sword, 1460-1820* (1980), with drawings by Catherine Barne, stands as a model example of classification and chronology by rigorous analysis of contemporary portraits and references as well as of the weapons themselves: attention to detail and accuracy were always among his strong points.

His commitment to the study of arms and armour was total: yet, for all his scholarship, Norman was no dry stick. He was immensely gregarious — nothing pleased him more than having friends to stay from all over Britain, America and the Continent.

He set himself a punishing routine. He was one of the few people one could ring up at midnight knowing he would be at work.

He loved visiting historic sites, especially in his beloved Scotland. Whole days would be spent, usually with a congenial companion or two and a forest of sharpened pencils for sketching purposes, looking at abbeys, castles, churches and palaces. There was always a smile of triumph when he discovered some hitherto unknown point of significance on an effigy. Then he would go back in the evenings to record his findings in one of his vast number of binders, bursting with photographs, sketches, and observations closely written in a minuscule but legible hand.

Not long after Norman retired from the Royal Armouries in 1988, Anne, his second wife, was offered a post in Edinburgh. Among his later articles, the highlight was the catalogue he wrote for the exhibition *The Swords and the Sorrows*, put on at Culloden Moor by the National Trust for Scotland in 1996 for the 250th anniversary of the battle. It was there that he displayed his newly acquired knowledge of the old Gaelic terminology for parts of swords and the other military accoutrements that made up the Highland Fighting Man.

Norman was a founder member and then vice-president of the Church Monuments Society and a liveryman of the Gunmakers' Company. Before his death he managed to see to the printers his definitive catalogue of the arms and armour in the Royal Collection, due to be published next year. He had not finished a proposed work on Scottish military effigies.

Nick Norman married Catherine Margaret Barne in 1954. The marriage was dissolved 1987. He is survived by his son from that marriage, and by his second wife, Anne Buddle, the Registrar of the National Galleries of Scotland.

FRANK GALE

Frank Gale, OBE, QPM, former Chief Constable of Newcastle upon Tyne died on July 31 aged 88. He was born on July 6, 1910.

FRANK GALE was the oldest serving police officer in the country when he retired in 1975. He was one of the outstanding officers of his generation: forty years ago Frank Gale was practising what will now become law in the Police and Criminal Disorder Bill.

Frank Stanley Gale was born and educated in Sheffield. Despite his academic potential, he left school at 15 and entered the Sheffield City force as a junior clerk. Those were the days when lack of attention to detail or discourtesy to the public resulted in instant dismissal. Gale learnt fast and won respect for his industry and initiative, soon rising to the rank of superintendent, leading the prosecution department. During the war he was seconded to the Chief Constable, his outstanding shorthand proving invaluable in several interrogations.

In 1958, he became Chief Constable of Rochdale, a small and efficient, if rather complacent, force, which he immediately galvanised. He was a very active leader, who wanted to know the pattern of crime and sought to establish reasons behind it. Gale recognised that it was vital to tackle juvenile crime. He identified a need for closer liaison between the separate local government departments involved in juvenile crime, and secured the cooperation of the director of education, the children's officer, probation and voluntary social bodies.

Gale was the first Chief Constable to introduce crime prevention officers as full-time appointments, and he demanded results from them. He took police into schools to show the human face of policing, and he held informal discussions between police and officials in the care and cautioning of young offenders.

Gale welcomed and recognised the value of the Duke of Edinburgh's newly instituted Award Scheme as a means of making contact between the young and people with civic responsibilities, and he readily offered the services of his officers with skill in sport and other pursuits. He took the Outward Bound Trust to heart, and all his cadets were individually assessed before being appointed constables.



Frank Gale was appointed Chief Constable of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1964. This was a very challenging appointment, needing the greatest sensitivity, and he brought to it all his experience, tact, humour and firmness. He continued to practise the methods he had pioneered in Rochdale. Several of the most notorious cases of the period came under his purview, with probably most public attention focusing on the Poulson affair. When the move came for police forces of the country to amalgamate his last years as Assistant Chief Constable of the newly formed Northumbria force.

Frank Gale was a master of management selection, and many of his officers went on to senior positions elsewhere in the country. But he found delegation difficult. He needed to be constantly updated on all issues — crime, disorder, and especially the welfare of his men. He knew and was known by each of his officers and their families.

Gale was proud of his Yorkshire roots — his support for Sheffield United was nearly but not quite superseded by support for Newcastle United — and he was equally devoted to Yorkshire County Cricket Club (whose lack of success recently drove him near to despair). He was heavily involved in the training and use of police dogs and horses, the National Association of Boys Clubs and the National Savings Movement. He also fished and played bridge to a high standard, and loved walking in the Dales.

He enjoyed a very happy marriage with his wife, Lynda, who predeceased him. He is survived by two daughters.

ANDRÉ WEIL

André Weil, mathematician, died on August 6 aged 92. He was born on May 6, 1906.

ONE OF the most respected mathematicians of the second half of this century, André Weil is best known for two things: his fundamental discoveries in number theory, and his membership of the secretive group known as Bourbaki, which redefined the foundations of modern pure mathematics.

He held a professorship at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey, where his colleagues included Albert Einstein, J. Robert Oppenheimer, John von Neumann and Kurt Gödel. His sister Simone, the renowned mystic and philosopher, active in the French Resistance, died in 1943.

André Weil was born in Paris. His father Bernard was a physician; his mother Selma came from a community of Austrian Jews in the Russian port of Rostov-on-Don. By the age of ten he was "passionately addicted" to mathematics, as he says in his autobiography *The Apprenticeship of a Mathematician*. His other passions were languages — in 1922, aged 16, he read the *Bhagavad Gita* in the original Sanskrit — and travel.

After graduating from the École Normale in Paris he went walking in the French Alps, always taking with him a notebook of mathematical calculations. He was especially fascinated by "Diophantine equations" — named after the Greek Diophantus, who flourished around AD 250 — where the name of the game is to find whole numbers that satisfy some stated algebraic relation. (For example: find three whole numbers whose sum is a square and whose sums in pairs are also squares. Diophantus' answer: 41, 80, and 320.)

Weil made his way to Italy, and then to Göttingen, hub of German mathematics and home of the legendary David Hilbert. Here he produced his first serious piece of mathematics — research on the theory of algebraic curves that answered a problem posed 25 years earlier by the French genius Henri Poincaré. This eventually formed Weil's doctoral thesis, but his adviser Jacques Hadamard encouraged him to aim higher, at a related but more difficult problem known as the Mordell Conjecture. Weil decided to ignore this advice, later observing: "My decision was a wise one: it was to take more than half a century to prove Mordell's Conjecture."

His first academic position was in India, at the Aligarh University. Syed Masood, Minister of Education for Hyderabad, had promised him a chair in French civilisation, but the plan went awry. A cable came: "Impossible to create chair of French civilisation. Mathematics chair open." From 1933 to 1939 Weil worked in Strasbourg, where he became involved with the celebrated and now somewhat controversial group known as "Nicolas Bourbaki". The name — allegedly that of a citizen of the imaginary state of Poldevia — arose from a spoof lecture presented in 1923 by a practical joker whose real name was Raoul Husson.



The Young Turks who constituted Bourbaki were unhappy with the disorganised state of fundamental mathematical knowledge, and resolved to put it on a sound basis. In so doing they made what many now consider a strategic error: treating every topic in maximum generality, which implied maximum abstraction. This approach rendered Bourbaki's texts incomprehensible to all save the initiated — but the initiated revelled in them.

The "new math" imported into schools in the 1970s was to some extent modelled on Bourbaki, under the misconception that what was acceptable to trained research mathematicians would also be appropriate for schoolchildren. Bourbaki's influence has now waned, but at the time the group brought some much-needed conceptual clarity to the subject.

In 1939, when war broke out, Weil dodged the draft by visiting Rolf Nevanlinna in Finland. The Finns promptly arrested the suspicious-looking foreigner, and a search of his room brought to light incomprehensible letters in Russian — actually research news from the distinguished mathematician Lev Pontrjagin. As it happened, Nevanlinna was a reserve colonel in the army.

One day the chief of police casually told him: "Tomorrow we are executing a spy who claims to know you." Nevanlinna asked who, was told it was Weil, and with admirable presence of mind calmly suggested that deportation might be better. The chief of police, who had not thought of this option, agreed that it might be a more sensible course.

By 1941 a complicated series of events had brought Weil to New York, and thereafter the United States became his home. In 1947, in Chicago, he read some old papers by Carl Friedrich Gauss, and these led him to a proof of the so-called Riemann hypothesis for algebraic curves. Generalising wildly — a rather uncharacteristic act — he formulated a series of statements that became known as the Weil Conjectures. These turned out to be so important that their proof, nearly thirty years later, earned the young Belgian mathematician Pierre Deligne the Fields Medal — the mathematicians' equivalent of the Nobel Prize. In 1994 Weil received an equally significant award, the Kyoto Prize, for his conjectures.

André Weil will be remembered for his fundamental work on the frontiers of mathematics, and for his carefully cultivated image as a cantankerous character — belied by his dry sense of humour. The only honour listed in his official biography is "Member, Poldevian Academy of Science and Letters".

His wife Eveline died in 1986. He issurvived by two daughters.

CHARLES GARDNER

Charles Gardner, pilot, yachtsman and powerboat racer, died on July 26, aged 86. He was born on October 31, 1911.

BEING modest and retiring, Charles Gardner shunned publicity and would talk of his adventures only with those who shared them, but he was a notable competitor in three fast-moving sports: flying, sailing and powerboat racing.

Charles Exton Gardner was educated at Bedales School, leaving in 1929 to go for air service training at Hamble on the Solent, at what was then the premier flying establishment in the country. He soon had his own aircraft, an Avro Cadet, the first of a long list. He competed successfully in many flying races, and when he first entered for the King's Cup in 1935 in his Percival Gull he won the Siddeley Trophy for the highest placed club member.

In 1936, flying a Vega Gull, he won the King's Cup, and the following year, flying his Mew Gull, he won both the King's Cup and the Siddeley Trophy at a speed of 209 mph.

After leaving Air Service Training, he worked for Short Brothers at Rochester, and in 1936 he flew one of their Short Scions (a small twin-engine, high-wing monoplane carrying up to eight people) to India and back. He demonstrated the plane many times, including to three maharajas, and competed in the Viceroy's Cup race from Madras to Delhi, where he was first home but fifth on handicap. The whole trip was 16,000 miles, 1,600 at full throttle.

In those days there were only two or three commercial flights to India a week from Europe and Gardner had to arrange for petrol to be available at small landing fields on the Persian Gulf. The tour went without incident, though



on the way home he had to land in the desert between Rutba Well and Amman, because a primitive radio beacon led him 50 miles south of Amman in the dark; but next morning he took off and landed safely at Amman.

In 1937 he competed in the Paris Air Rally, where points were scored by multiplying the number of people in the competing aircraft by the number of miles flown. He flew 5,500 miles around Europe in two and a half days in his Beechcraft, never landing at the same airfield twice, with four friends as passengers — and came second. It was won by M. Michelin, who hired a Handley Page 42 (the largest airliner available) and filled it with friends and flew from Rome to Paris on the last day.

Among his other trips was one in the Piper Cub, on floats, to Land's End and back, refuelling with a two-gallon can which he took to the local garages when he landed behind Chesil Bank and in river estuaries. He often flew to Switzerland to ski and was chosen for the British team, but broke a leg just before the competition, so was unable to compete.

After the war he concentrated on sailing, and for several years he was the most successful 12-metre class yachtsman at Cowes. He cruised in various sizes of yacht, from a 12-metre racing boat and a 65-ton ketch to Fairey Atlantas in the Mediterranean, the Baltic and the West Indies. He also crewed in the Fastnet and Transatlantic races.

His other interests were fruit-growing on his Sussex farm and helicopter flying. He regularly flew to Cowes, where he and his brother had a large interest in Groves & Gutteridge, the yacht and lifeboat building company, and he was responsible for the building of the Cowes marina.

In 1962 he took up powerboat racing and entered a Bertram 25 boat in the Cowes-Torquay International Powerboat Race. This did not go well, and he retired about halfway to Torquay with a badly damaged hull and a sprained ankle. In 1964 he and his brother Jimmy entered the race with a much more powerful boat, *Surfrider*, and won.

In 1965 they had a new boat built at Souters of Cowes and were leading the race until just before the finish when engine trouble held them up and they came in third. Two years later they again entered the race and won for a second time. That year Charles was voted Yachtsman of the Year.

In the 1970s and early 1980s he continued to cruise — often singlehanded — visiting Ireland, the Azores and the Mediterranean. Out in the English Channel one fine day he hit a submerged object which holed the boat so badly that he had to send out a mayday call. The lifeboat came alongside as his yacht sank, and he stepped aboard without even getting his feet wet.

In 1936 he married Nora Knight, who had also been at school at Bedales, and they celebrated their diamond wedding two years ago. His wife and their son and daughter survive him.

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ON THIS DAY

August 12, 1914

Though the First World War had barely begun, many readers had written to The Times *asking how they could best serve their country. Many possibilities were put forward.*

WOMEN'S EMERGENCY WORK

The Women's Emergency Corps, Little Theatre, John-street, Adelphi, can find voluntary work for women as cooks, interpreters, in the care of mothers and babies, collecting and distributing clothes, care and driving of horses, motor-cars, etc.

The Duke of Sutherland writes from Dunrobin Castle, Sutherland, asking those who, like himself, are willing to lend country houses in the East and South-East Coast, and near London, for hospital purposes to write to him with full particulars of their accomodation.

Lord Ellenborough suggests that gardeners should be given a week or a fortnight's holiday, with wages, to gather the crops.

Dr A.F. Wright, of Welburn, York, warns those who are making jackets for the wounded not to make them of red material, as red is extremely irritating to the central nervous system.

The Hon Mrs Henry N. Gladstone, of Eaton-square, suggests "that in every parish in Great Britain and Ireland the old, the young and the feeble be encouraged to enter their own churches or chapels daily for the purpose of quiet individual prayer . . ."

Mrs Richardson Rice, of Hendon Urban District Council, protests against the dismissal of domestic servants who, in many cases, have nothing but destitution before them . . .

The Hon Mrs Hutton, of Northallerton, urges all customers of small dressmakers, who at the best of times have a hard struggle, to pay them promptly, and that they should have work given to them to do for the soldiers' and sailors' families.

Mr H.H. Finch of Manton, Rutland, advises "those who are commandeering horses to take, where possible, geldings, and not mares. The latter will be wanted to breed other horses to replace those now taken."

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NEWS

BP and Amoco in £67bn merger

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Described by the two companies as a merger, the deal will create a £67.4 billion colossus snapping at the heels of Exxon and Shell, the industry leaders..... **Pages 1, 2, 21**

Blair under pressure as shares dive

■ The Prime Minister came under increasing pressure from business leaders and unions last night to change economic policy as manufacturing orders plunged, shares nosedived and almost 1,000 jobs were lost. Businessmen signed an open letter to Tony Blair asking him to lower interest rates and the Institute of Directors accuses Gordon Brown in a letter to *The Times* today of abdicating responsibility..... **Pages 1, 16, 17, 21**

Bomb expert killed

A leading Army bomb disposal expert was killed when a machinery-dug clay pit collapsed as he surveyed First World War excavations near Arras in Northern France..... **Page 1**

Scientist accused

A bogus forensic scientist charged motorists accused of drink-driving offences thousands of pounds to fake expert evidence, the Central Criminal Court was told..... **Page 1**

Officers homeless

The Defence Ministry is counting the cost of a bushfire that destroyed the home of the commander of Britain's Cyprus bases and the houses of several other senior officers..... **Pages 1, 5**

Tedious night out

Eight out of ten theatre productions are tedious, according to one of Britain's leading playwrights, who has found himself preferring to watch videos..... **Pages 3, 17**

School's reprieve

A school that allows its pupils to make the rules has finally won the approval of government inspectors after six years of critical reports..... **Page 4**

Taxmen's freebies

Colleagues of the corrupt taxman Michael Allcock enjoyed lavish trips from the suspects they were sent to investigate, the spending watchdog said..... **Page 6**

God is not mocked

Advertisers who mock religion have been told that the use of religious images to sell products such as jeans and lager prompts more complaints than any other subject..... **Page 8**

Aid for the elderly

Elderly people have gained the right to protect their savings under legislation that will force local councils to pay the care-home fees of those who have little or no money..... **Page 9**

Young killers guilty

Two boys were found guilty of killing four fellow pupils and a teacher with handguns and rifles. They faced a juvenile courtroom packed with the relations of their victims..... **Page 10**

Search for bodies

Digging continued through the night as rescuers searched for more bodies in an office block destroyed by a bomb in Nairobi last Friday..... **Page 11**

Potholers' feud

A potholer who fell 200ft on to jagged rocks, suffering major injuries because his ropes had been sabotaged, may have been the victim of a feud..... **Page 12**

Tutsis under threat

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo vowed to "turn the dreams of a Tutsi empire into a nightmare" as Tutsis were rounded up..... **Page 13**

True love wins — after 30 years

■ A romantic notion paid off for David Matland, who lives in Canada, when he telephoned the girlfriend who rejected his marriage proposals in the 1960s. This time, their courtship has led to marriage. The lawyer was visiting relations in Brighton when, browsing through old school photographs, he saw Jackie Bedford's picture and telephoned her..... **Page 6**



Kelvin Thatcher, a maritime conservationist, with the stern section of *HMS Implacable*, which fought against Nelson at Trafalgar but was captured later. The section is being reconstructed for exhibition at the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich

BUSINESS

Oil: BP is to merge with Amoco of America in a $110 billion share deal that creates the world's second largest oil company..... **Page 21**

In the air: John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, came out firmly against British Airways' plans to sell £500 million of take-off and landing slots at London's airports..... **Page 21**

Home loans: The number of homeowners being evicted by mortgage lenders has risen sharply after a crackdown on borrowers who fall into arrears..... **Page 21**

Markets: The FTSE 100 index fell 154.8 points to close at 5432.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose by 0.2 to close at 104.4 after a rise from $1.6321 to $1.6325 and from DM2.9042 to DM2.9076..... **Page 24**

SPORT

Football: Manchester United tonight begin their latest assault on the European Cup when they meet LKS Lodz of Poland in the qualifying round for the Champions' League..... **Page 40**

Cricket: Alec Stewart is at the centre of a growing dispute about the strength of the England team for a one-day tournament in Bangladesh this year..... **Page 40**

Golf: Se Ri Pak, the Korean player who has taken the women's game by storm, appears in the British Women's Open at Royal Lytham St Anne's this week..... **Page 38**

Bowls: Teenager Amy Gowshall was beaten by Irene Molyneux, almost 60 years her senior, at the women's national championships at Leamington Spa..... **Page 37**

Lapse of taste: There is no shortage of money at this year's Salzburg Festival, but the operas on offer prove that money cannot buy good taste..... **Page 28**

Endangered species: Croome Court in Worcestershire, one of Britain's finest Georgian mansions, is in jeopardy, but who will save it?..... **Page 29**

Musical protest: Protesters failed to stop Sir Simon Rattle from giving the Proms a crash course in British new music..... **Page 29**

Changing times: If your dominant image of the black films you have seen is the "hood" movie, then the time has definitely come for you to think again. The new black films are light years away from the ghetto..... **Page 30**

Control freak: For a man who has made millions out of exploiting his paranoia, Chris Carter is surprisingly calm and reasonable in person. David Eimer meets the creator of *The X-Files*..... **Page 14**

Pottery queen: "The best thing I can say about myself is that I make jobs for 55 people, that I'm proud of our pottery, that I'm proud of sustaining an industry in danger of disappearing like coal, steel and everything else the British once excelled at." Emma Bridgewater talks to Noreen Taylor..... **Page 15**

Cult figure: It is difficult to find someone who does not remember *Rising Damp*'s Don Warrington. "Even now, when I am out walking with my children people shout out to me 'I remember you. Are you still acting?'"..... **Page 14**

Pastures new: The thought of moving across the Channel is never so tempting as when one is sipping chardonnay in the Mediterranean sun. Rachel Kelly on a family who moved to France..... **Page 33**

It is imperative that the Clinton Administration, trapped in the shadow of the Lewinsky affair, should change course immediately and declare an all-out, relentless struggle against the few remaining terror states in the world — with Iran at the forefront.

— *The Jerusalem Post*.



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ **FILMS**
Geoff Brown reviews *Firelight* starring Sophie Marceau, left, plus other new releases

■ **BOOKS**
Peter Ackroyd on literary London; Lawrence Jones on Peter the Great

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Preview: Advice on buying a secondhand car: *Deals on Wheels* (Channel 4, 8.30pm). **Review:** Janet Street-Porter has never lost faith in her visionary genius..... **Page 39**

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Brown's bears

The next two years are going to be extremely tough. It will take more than righteous lectures to position British manufacturing to take advantage of the next global upturn..... **Page 17**

The Newt deal

Mr Gingrich might well determine that he would rather be right than risk all in the pursuit of the presidency..... **Page 17**

The North wind blows

One of the roles of any respectable northern playwright is to make whispered asides about the West End scene..... **Page 17**

SIMON JENKINS

Give the countryside a week of silly season and it will find something to whinge about. Now it is mink. With help from the Animal Liberation Front, some mink have heard the call of the wild..... **Page 16**

BRONWEN MADDOX

But even if Mr Clinton muddles on to the end of his term, the saga has left his successors with serious constitutional headaches and given Vice-President Al Gore plenty of reasons to worry. Mr Clinton's salvation, if it comes, may well spring from Americans' distaste for losing a President through impeachment or the threat of it..... **Page 16**

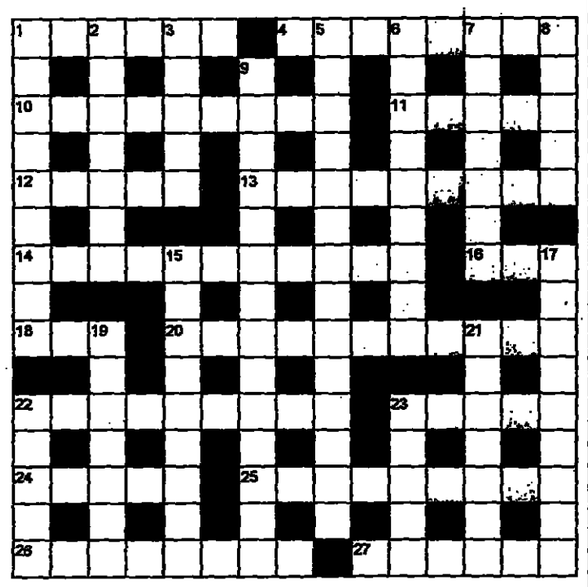
ALAN COREN

I was up on the roof last Sunday afternoon, standing beside its chimney on the narrow flat bit between the two pitched tile-hung flanks, when my thoughts suddenly found themselves turning to Tiggy Legge-Bourke..... **Page 16**

Rick Norman, former Master of the Armouries at the Tower of London; **André Weil**, mathematician; **Frank Gale**, senior policeman; **Charles Gardiner**, yachtsman..... **Page 19**

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Edinburgh 8.57 pm to 5.39 am
Manchester 8.44 pm to 5.44 am
Penzance 8.47 pm to 6.08 am

WEATHER

☐ **General:** Wales and most of England will remain fine and warm but central and western districts will feel fresher. NW England and N Ireland may have a few light showers at first. NW Scotland will have showers; S and E Scotland will be drier.
☐ **London, SE, Cent S England, E Anglia, Channel Iss:** some patchy cloud but mostly sunny. Light NW breeze. Max 27C (81F).
☐ **E&W Midlands, E, SW, Cent N, NE England, W Midlands, S&N Wales:** dry with sunshine. Light to moderate W breeze. Max 23C (73F).
☐ **NW England, Lake Dist, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow:** light showers at first, brighter later. Moderate W wind. Max 21C (70F).
☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland:** showers. Brisk NW wind. Max 18C (64F).
☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** occasional showers. Sunny on SE coasts. Moderate SW west wind. Max 21C (70F).
☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** drizzle, fine later. Light SE wind. Max 15C (59F).
☐ **N Ireland:** some showers. Best sunshine in south east. Moderate NW wind. Max 20C (68F).
☐ **Republic of Ireland:** showers, then dry with sunny spells. Wind W, moderate or fresh. Max 20C (68F).
☐ **Outlook:** tomorrow will be fresher. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a few showers. Hot and humid again in south on Friday.

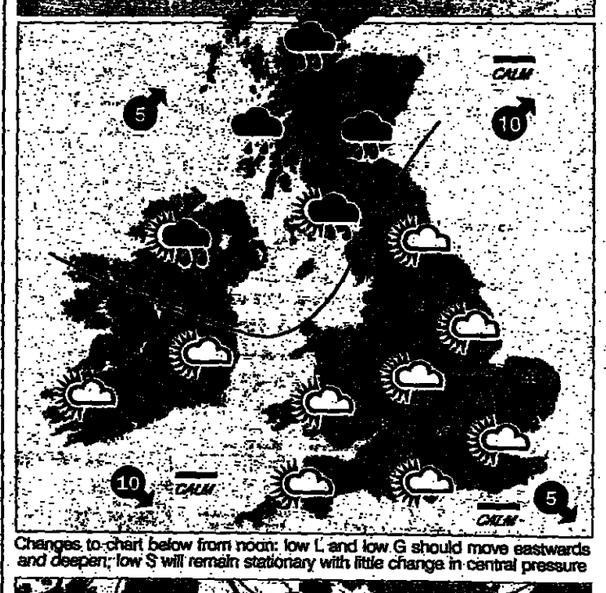
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Aspatria	9.8	0.01	23	73	s	Lerwick	-	0.04	13	55	r
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Bournem'th	12.8	-	28	82	s	Manchester	6.0	-	25	77	s
Bristol	10.3	-	25	77	s	Margate	12.7	-	28	82	s
Buxton	9.0	0.01	24	75	s	Morecambe	8.3	0.01	21	70	s
Cardiff	x	-	25	77	s	Newcastle	7.8	0.01	26	79	s
Clacton	13.1	-	22	72	s	Newquay	8.8	-	21	70	s
Colwyn Bay	10.5	-	24	75	s	Norwich	11.8	-	29	84	s
Cromer	10.0	-	22	72	s	Oxford	12.0	-	28	82	s
Dumfar	4.5	0.01	17	63	sg	Poole	12.1	-	28	82	s
Edinburgh	5.3	0.01	24	75	s	Prestatyn	x	-	24	75	s
Eskdalemuir	7.5	0.01	21	70	s	Ross on Wye	11.4	-	27	81	s
Exmouth	10.7	-	25	77	s	Salcombe	11.9	-	26	77	s
Fishguard	10.4	-	21	70	s	Scarboro'	9.7	-	22	72	s
Folkestone	13.5	-	27	81	s	Shrewsbury	9.5	-	25	77	s
Glasgow	2.9	0.01	21	70	sh	Southend	15.5	-	27	81	s
Guernsey	11.6	0.01	22	72	s	Southport	x	-	23	73	s
Hastings	13.5	-	27	81	s	Southsea	12.0	-	28	82	s
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Howe	10.8	-	25	77	s	Teignmouth	11.5	-	24	75	s
Hunstanton	7.1	-	29	84	s	Tiree	4.8	0.02	17	63	sh
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Isle of Wight	12.3	-	27	81	s	Weston s Mare	10.5	-	24	75	s
Jersey	10.6	-	27	81	s	Weymouth	12.2	-	23	73	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	29	84	s	Cologne	30	86	s	Madrid	34	93	s
Alicante	32	90	s	Corfu	34	93	s	Majorca	34	93	s
Amsterdam	32	90	s	C'phagn	20	68	s	Malaga	28	82	s
Algiers	29	84	s	Dublin	22	68	s	Malta	32	90	s
Amst'dm	28	79	s	Dubrovnik	32	90	s	Melb'rne	16	61	r
Athens	36	97	s	Faro	30	86	s	Mexico C	11	52	s
B Aires	12	54	r	Florence	35	95	s	Miami	33	91	s
Bahrain	40	104	s	Frankfurt	30	86	s	Milan	34	93	s
Bangkok	32	90	t	Funchal	23	73	c	Montreal	28	82	s
Barbados	30	86	s	Geneva	31	88	s	Moscow	17	63	r
Barcelona	30	86	s	Gibraltar	27	81	s	Munich	32	84	s
Beijing	31	88	r	Helsinki	16	61	r	N Delhi	34	93	c
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Vanc'ver	19	66	c
Venice	33	91	s
Vienna	25	77	s
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Wash'ton	34	79	f
Wellington	13	55	x
Zurich	30	86	s

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Avonmouth	10:20	13.2	22:29	13.3	London Bridge	4:32	7.4	16:44	7.3
Belfast	1:24	3.7	13:57	3.4	Lowestoft	0:03	2.4	12:02	2.7
Cardiff	9:46	12.3	22:09	12.8	Margate	2:42	4.9	14:46	4.9
Devonport	8:27	5.5	20:45	5.8	Milford Haven	9:00	6.9	21:22	7.0
Dover	1:33	5.7	13:56	5.8	Newquay	7:54	6.9	20:16	7.0
Dublin	1:57	4.4	14:33	4.0	Oban	8:17	3.8	20:49	3.9
Falmouth	7:58	5.3	20:17	5.4	Penzance	7:22	5.4	19:45	5.5
Greenock	3:12	3.7	15:39	3.5	Portland	9:57	1.9	22:05	2.0
Harwich	2:30	4.1	14:42	4.1	Portsmouth	1:45	4.7	14:21	4.7
Holyhead	0:45	5.9	13:12	5.4	Shoreham	1:42	5.4	14:13	5.5
Hull (Albert D)	8:52	9.0	21:25	8.8	Southampton	1:12	4.7	13:39	4.8
Ilfracombe	8:45	9.2	21:08	8.9	Swansea	9:03	9.6	21:24	9.7
King's Lynn	8:58	7.2	21:38	6.4	Tees	8:17	6.7	18:56	5.3
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All times GMT. Heights in metres.

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Herne Bay, Kent, 31C (88F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 13 (55F); highest rainfall: Lossiemouth, Moray, 0.43in; highest sunshine: Southend, Essex, 15.8hr.

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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft — WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12 1998

Global freefall takes toll on Footsie

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

THE slump in world stock markets intensified yesterday, plunging the London market to its second biggest daily loss since the 1987 crash.

The FTSE 100 index closed 154.8 points lower at 5,432.8, its lowest level for seven months, as investors dumped stock in reaction to punishing falls in Asian shares, the yen's slide to a new eight-year low against the dollar, a very poor start on Wall Street and more gloomy news from British manufacturing.

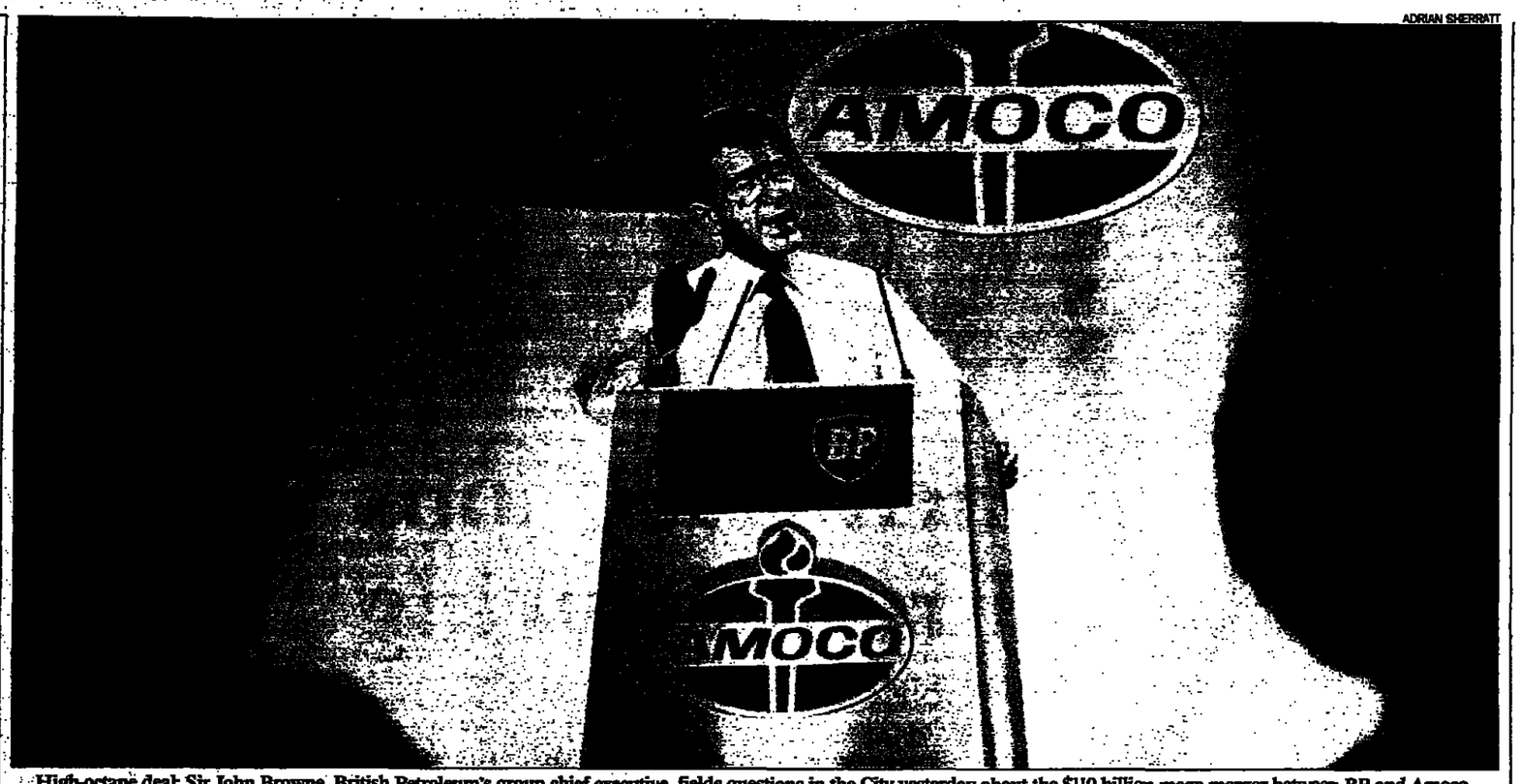
The FTSE 100 has fallen almost 13 per cent since the middle of last month. The day's losses would have been even worse if it had not been for rallying BP shares on news of its merger with Amoco.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average had fallen more than 250 points at mid-session. Far Eastern markets had a torrid session after Japan's Economic Planning Agency released another negative assessment of the economy. The yen's drop against the dollar exacerbated fears that China and Hong Kong will be forced to devalue their currencies.

In Tokyo, the Nikkei 225 index fell by about 1.5 per cent while, in Hong Kong, the Hang Seng plunged 3.5 per cent to its lowest level for five years.

In London, shares were also put under pressure by a survey on the British economy. The Regional Trends Survey from the CBI and Business Strategies found manufacturers' orders fell in every region of the UK in the four months to July and are expected to continue declining. Problems with exporting in the face of the strong pound are no longer being mitigated by strong demand from the domestic market, according to the survey's findings.

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ADRIAN SHERRATT

High-octane deal: Sir John Browne, British Petroleum's group chief executive, fields questions in the City yesterday about the $110 billion mega-merger between BP and Amoco

BP sets off merger alert

City braced for wave of bids after $110bn deal

BY CARL MORTISHED

The takeover of Amoco could lead to a wave of mergers, joint ventures and takeovers as oil companies struggle to raise their returns and fight for assets in the wake of BP's surprise $110 billion deal with the American oil company.

The City yesterday came to the view that BP was making a defensive move aimed at raising its returns at a time when oil prices are at their lowest point for ten years.

Fergus MacLeod, oil analyst at BT Alex Brown, the broker, said that the falling oil price had been a catalyst for the deal which had been under discussion for several months. "It is going to increase the pressure in terms of people having to keep up." Fergus MacLeod, oil analyst at BT Alex Brown, said. "Clearly if two of your major competitors take a major step like this, you can't sit still and do nothing about it. I think it will accelerate the process of rationalisation, consolidation and the drive for improved performance throughout the industry."

The pressure will be worst felt in the United States where BP is likely to pile the heat on competitors in the downstream sector such as Texaco and Mobil. Falling oil prices, a slump in the US gas market where Amoco is the largest player and weak chemical margins worldwide will increase pressure for cost-cutting.

Mobil had been tipped as an obvious partner for Amoco. However few expect a third party to attempt to trump BP's offer. The deal struck yesterday contains a $1 billion poison pill in the form of an option for BP to acquire 19.9 per cent of Amoco's shares if the target succumbs to an offer from another company.

City commentators were dubious yesterday that the deal would create the wealth of opportunities claimed by its architect, BP's chief executive Sir John Browne. Sir John said yesterday: "The best opportunities will go increasingly to companies that have the size and financial strength to take on large projects."

One analyst who preferred not to be named poured scorn on the argument of scale and pointed to the failed bid by Enterprise Oil for Lasmo. "I seem to remember a guy called Graham Hearne saying size is important. Rudolph Agnew [chairman of Lasmo] then said it was in his experience that the best companies tended to become the largest companies." However, he indicated there was a possibility that Amoco shareholders might rebel.

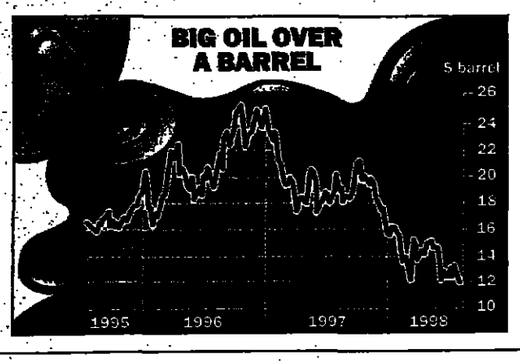
The deal values Amoco at $44 billion, only a 15 per cent premium to the market value before the announcement. BP's timing gives it the advantage of buying assets at a low point in the cycle but the market has not been kind to BP and Amoco investors could demand that their board seek a better offer. Mr Marshall said: "BP is using undervalued paper to buy Amoco's undervalued paper."

The City expects BP to make the deal work by doing to Amoco what it has done to itself over the past five years: cutting costs and sweating its assets. BP's return on assets is among the highest in the oil industry but Amoco's return on capital is at least 3 points adrift of the British bidder.

The merger statistics point to Sir John Browne's big challenge. BP Amoco will have combined net profits of $6.4 billion, in third place behind Exxon and Royal Dutch/Shell but BP will have a larger asset base to contend with. Its oil and gas production and oil reserves are in in second place behind Shell at 2.9 million barrels per day and 14.7 billion barrels, respectively.

Sir John said yesterday that the $2 billion in cost-savings excluded any benefits from increasing revenues. The challenge will be to grow the business, not to cut it back.

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LARGEST QUOTED COMPANIES

August 1993 Company	Market value £ billion	August 1998 Company	Market value £ billion
AT&T Corp	58	General Electric	175
General Electric	57	Microsoft	158
Exxon	54	Coca Cola	121
Wal-Mart Stores	40	Exxon	101
Coca Cola	39	Royal Dutch Shell	100
Royal Dutch Shell	35	Merck	92
Philip Morris	28	Intel	90
British Telecom	27	Wal-Mart Stores	86
General Motors	23	Pfizer	83
GTE	23	Nippon Tel & Tel	80

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	5432.8	(-154.8)
Yield	3.07%	
FTSE All Share	2558.06	(-67.07)
Nikkei	15406.99	(-219.43)
New York:		
Dow Jones	8377.89	(-196.96)*
S&P Composite	1061.46	(-21.68)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5⅝%	(5½%)
Long bond	107¹⁵⁄₃₂	(107⁷⁄₃₂)
Yield	5.582*	(5.62%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	7⅝%	(7⅝%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	110.46	(110.16)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6303*	(1.6357)
London:		
$	1.6330	(n/a)
DM	2.9088	(...)
FFr	9.7512	(...)
SFr	2.4308	(...)
Yen	240.27	(...)
£ Index	104.4	(104.2)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.7805*	(1.7785)
FFr	5.9685*	(5.9620)
SFr	1.4892*	(1.4977)
Yen	147.15*	(146.28)
$ index	115.0	(114.8)

Tokyo close Yen 147.41

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Oct) . $12.10 ($12.20)

GOLD

London close..... $284.95 ($285.55)

* denotes midday trading prices

Golden hello from Stagecoach

MIKE KINSKI was given a £250,000 "golden handshake" to quit the board of ScottishPower and become chief executive of Stagecoach, it emerged yesterday (Fraser Nelson writes).

Mr Kinski was given £281,000 in his first ten days as chief executive — the handshake plus £31,000 in salary. He is now on a £360,000 annual salary and stands to make up to £750,000 in bonus payments over the next five years under two separate schemes.

The details are in Stagecoach's annual report, which shows that Brian Souter, chairman, picked up £4.97 million - £334,000 in salary, £200,000 in performance-related bonus, £51,000 through other benefits and £4.4 million in dividend payments. Ann Gloag, his sister, collected £3.6 million in dividends, £85,000 in salary and £20,000 in bonuses.

House repossessions rise by 18% as lenders get tougher

BY RICHARD MILES

THERE HAS been a sharp increase in borrowers being evicted from their homes by mortgage lenders, latest figures on court petitions for house repossessions show.

Figures from the Lord Chancellor's Department show the number of petitions jumped 18 per cent in the three months to the end of June compared with the same quarter in 1997.

Banking sources say some lenders have been getting tougher with borrowers in arrears in the past six months because negative equity — the shortfall between a property's value and the mortgage — has all but disappeared as the housing market has rallied.

Cheltenham & Gloucester (C&G), the mortgage arm of Lloyds TSB, has reported one of the largest rises, at 15 per cent since December 1997, while Nationwide, Halifax and Alliance & Leicester have disclosed increases of between 8 and 9 per cent.

By contrast, other lenders showed no increase, or even a decline, in the number of properties repossessed in the past six months. They include Abbey National, the second biggest lender, and Woolwich.

A spokesperson for C&G said the level of repossessions was far below its peak in the early 1990s and blamed the recent increase on rising interest rates and the inclusion of TSB's mortgage book for the first time.

The number of repossession orders rose more than 11 per cent year-on-year, according to the Lord Chancellor's Department. Two weeks ago, the Council of Mortgage Lenders published figures showing repossessions rose nearly 10 per cent since December 1997.

Even though repossessions are increasing, the number of properties seized is far lower than in 1991, when court petitions exceeded 50,000 in the third quarter compared with 19,478 in the quarter to the end of June 1998.

Prescott and Mandelson at odds over sale of BA slots

BY POLLY NEWTON AND JASON NISSÉ

JOHN PRESCOTT yesterday risked a fresh confrontation with Peter Mandelson by opposing British Airways' plans to sell £500 million worth of take-off and landing slots at London's airports.

The Deputy Prime Minister came out against BA's proposal even though it is up to Mr Mandelson, as Trade and Industry Secretary, to decide whether it should be allowed.

In an interview which took the DTI by surprise, Mr Prescott told Radio 4's *World at One* that there was "a real and legitimate argument" over who owned the slots. "I have always been clear in my mind — the slots don't belong to BA. They belong, I believe, to the community."

The proposed sell-off is one of the sticking points in BA's plans to form an alliance with American Airlines. The companies have been told by the European Commission that they must shed 267 pairs of take-off and landing slots before the alliance is approved.

BA wants to sell the slots, which are worth as much as £2 million each. In a consultation document published by the DTI last week, the Director General of Fair Trading, John Bridgeman, said such a move would be "reasonable".

However, the European Union Competition Commissioner, Karel Van Miert, said on Monday that sale of the slots would be unacceptable because it would favour established operators already flying out of London's two main airports. A spokesman for Mr Van Miert said yesterday: "The slots have to be liberated, not sold."

Mr Mandelson will make a decision after a 30-day consultation period, which ends early next month.

Mr Prescott said: "In my first months in office, I made it absolutely clear ... that I did not think that [the sale of slot] was right."



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Dresdner joins list of suitors for US broker

By Richard Miles
Banking Correspondent

PAINEWEBBER, the US retail broker reported to be in talks with Dresdner Bank, has held discussions with several other potential buyers over the past 12 months.

At least one European bank is believed to have approached PaineWebber with a view to using the Wall Street firm as a springboard for further expansion in the US, only to dismiss the idea.

Dresdner, Germany's second-biggest bank, is understood to have begun talks with PaineWebber in New York last month, with Gerd Hausler, temporary head of investment banking, leading negotiations. Both companies declined to comment yesterday.

Banking analysts said Dresdner would be stretched to pay between $9 billion and $10 billion for PaineWebber without enlisting the help of its biggest shareholder, Allianz, the German insurer.

However, Reiner Hagemann, deputy chairman of Allianz, appeared to distance the company from the speculation. He said Allianz wanted to concentrate on its core businesses of insurance and fund management.

Senior bankers were divided on whether Dresdner would secure a deal with PaineWebber, with most saying there was a 50-50 chance of the transaction being completed. The acquisition would give Dresdner a firm foothold and good brand name in the US, where German takeovers are still frowned upon. But PaineWebber's strengths are in retail broking and mutual funds, not investment banking. "It has plenty of distribution, but no origination," said one banker.

If the deal does go ahead, bankers speculated that Don Marron, chairman of PaineWebber, would step aside. Possible replacements include Joe Grano, a former Merrill Lynch executive who joined the firm about eight years ago.

Dresdner's acquisition of PaineWebber might also cause some consternation at the investment management arm of Kleinwort Benson, the British investment bank it bought for £1 billion in 1995, although there is little geographical overlap.

A deal would put pressure, too, on Deutsche Bank, its rival, to make a US acquisition. But there is little available for sale. Any approaches to DLJ, the Wall Street firm, could be blocked by its ultimate parent, Axa, while religious and cultural differences might deter a bid for Lehman Brothers.



ASHLEY COOMBES

Ian Kirkham, chief executive of Headlam Group, the floorcoverings and fabrics distributor, reported pre-tax profits up 38 per cent to £8.9 million in the six months to June 30. An interim dividend of 2.1p (1.75p) will be paid from earnings of 9p (7.4p). He attributed the growth to improved margins.

BOC to shed 4,900 jobs in radical restructuring

By Paul Durman

BOC Group, the industrial gases company, is to shed 4,900 staff over the next two years as it implements what it called its most radical reorganisation in 20 years.

The job losses, including about 700 in the UK, are intended to produce savings of at least £120 million a year. About 150 jobs will be lost at the Crawley operation of BOC Edwards, the vacuum- pump business that has been badly affected by the difficulties in the world semiconductor market. But BOC is planning redundancies across the group.

Although BOC's recent results have been damaged by the strength of the pound and the Asian crisis, the company is seeking to address more fundamental weaknesses in its ability to win new contracts from industrial customers.

Danny Rosenkranz, chief executive, said yesterday third-quarter profits and sales were "remarkably robust" but BOC's longer term performance was not impressive when judged against leading rivals. "Look at BOC's performance over the years. We are not really up there."

The first wave of 2,200 job losses, including many in South Africa and the Pacific region, will be completed within six months. Another 1,500 will go over the next two years, and an estimated £267 million provision allows for a further 1,200 redundancies in associate companies. More than one in ten of the group's 44,900 employees will leave.

The T&G, BOC's main union, said it would seek an urgent meeting with the company to try to mitigate the effect of the job losses, which it blamed on "external factors - the economic turmoil in Asia, the high value pound and high interest rates".

The group intends to sell about 20 per cent of its £300 million a year distribution business, leaving the remainder even more dependent on Marks & Spencer. It is considering a sale of its weak European gas business in Benelux and Germany.

Mr Rosenkranz said: "This is really about changing BOC to come up with an organisation, an ethos, a culture and processes that will set us on the right road for the 21st century." He wants to shake BOC free of the complacency encouraged by its historical dominance of the gas markets in the UK and Australia.

BOC's operating profits for the nine months to the end of June show a 9 per cent decline to £363.3 million, although this is before the £144 million profit on the sale in April of the Ohmeda healthcare business and the first £167 million of restructuring provisions. Pre-tax profits were £272.4 million (£325.4 million).

Excluding currency gyrations, the gases business increased its profits 12 per cent to £106.6 million in the third quarter, but profits from vacuum technology almost halved to £7 million.

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Soccer fans say kit is too costly

By Jason Nisse

FOOTBALL team replica shirts are felt to be too expensive, yet more people are buying them, a survey of soccer fans published yesterday has found.

Mintel, the consumer research group, has found that 50 per cent more people are likely to buy replica football shirts than were when it studied the issue, two years ago.

Of those asked, 12 per cent said that they would buy team shirts, up from 8 per cent in 1996. The highest percentage of consumers buying replica shirts were family members, with 23 per cent, most of whom said they would buy football shirts for their children. The research runs counter to the assertions of football clubs, such as Manchester United, and kit makers, such as Umbro, that parents are not being put under pressure by their children to buy the latest kit.

The rise in people buying kit came despite 41 per cent of consumers feeling that "big clubs are ripping off their supporters". Two in five people think replica kits are too dear and more than a third think kits are changed too often.

This season almost all the 20 Premiership teams have new kit on sale, at between £36 and £45 for an adult shirt. The average life of a kit design is two years. All clubs have at least two team kits. Some, such as Manchester United, have three or more.

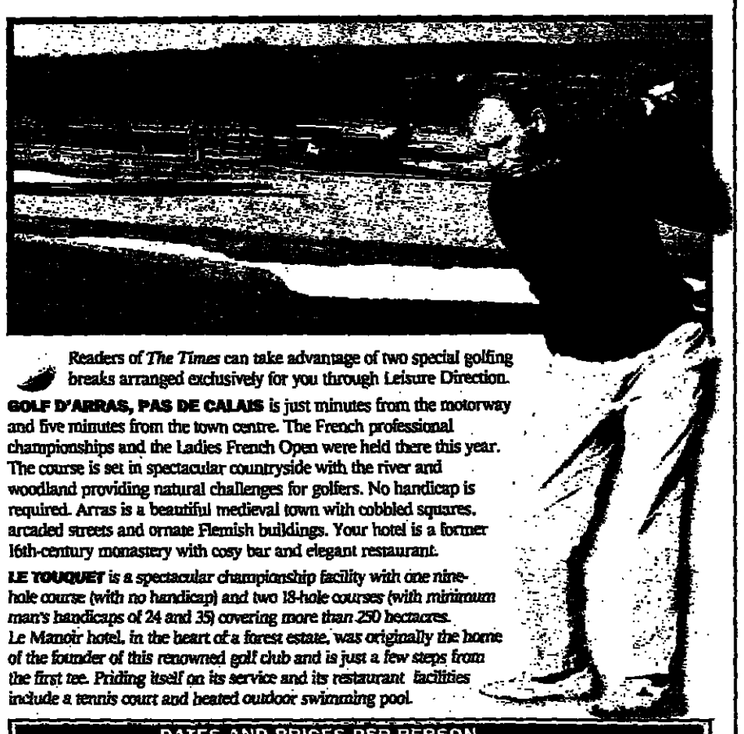
Mintel said that United, the most sophisticated team as far as merchandising goes, made £28.7 million from this activity last year and expects to make half as much again this year.

Recent research has shown that the total income of United is more than the combined incomes of the two largest Italian clubs, Internationale, of Milan, and Juventus, of Turin.

Mintel found that consumers increasingly think that football is becoming a middle-class game and pricing itself out of the reach of its traditional supporters.

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CHANGING TIMES

Pinnacle to seek autumn stock market listing

By Dominic Walsh

PINNACLE LEISURE, the health and fitness club operator controlled by the Wates family, has unveiled plans for an autumn stock market flotation that will value the company at an estimated £70 million.

The group is seeking a full listing and plans to raise £40 million, half of which will be used to reduce its debts to zero. The rest will allow existing investors to offload a proportion of their holdings.

The five members of the Wates family, who control 40 per cent of Pinnacle, expect to sell about 40 to 45 per cent of their holding, although Andrew Wates, chairman, will retain most of his holding.

DLJ Phoenix and Legal & General Ventures, its venture capital shareholders, who own almost 60 per cent of Pinnacle, will divest about 40 per cent of their holdings.



Wates: will retain holding

Mr Wates, who is also on the board of the family's various estate agency, property and building companies, said the group hoped to use a listing as a springboard to expansion. It has ten clubs, all in the South East.

He added: "One of the advantages of gaining a profile is to look at acquisition opportunities. It's a very fragmented industry and we could do something about that."

The company, formerly known as Wates Leisure, targets the ABC1 population, with two types of club charging between £40 and £60 a month for membership. Mr Wates said memberships were a small-ticket item that were unlikely to suffer in any consumer spending downturn.

In 1997, it made a profit before tax and rebranding costs of £2.5 million on turnover of £11.8 million.

Broker sets aside £80m and gets insurance against bigger bill

Sedgwick builds mis-selling fund

By Marianne Curphey
Insurance Correspondent

SEDGWICK, the insurance broker with one of the largest networks of independent financial advisers in the UK, has set aside a provision of £80 million to cover the expected cost of the pensions mis-selling scandal.

The group has also taken out insurance against any increase in the bill. The provision was unveiled as the broker reported a drop in profit before tax and exceptional items to £60.1 million for the first six months of the year, from £66.3 million in the 1997 first half. The figure was broadly in line with analysts' expectations. Sedgwick's core businesses are consulting, insurance and reinsurance broking.

The shares rose by 2p to 158p as analysts welcomed Sedgwick's attempts to quantify the potential mis-selling bill.

Sax Riley, chairman, said: "We have used our own financial models and gone for the most conservative case we can. No one knows what the final outcome will be, but we have made our provision and we do not expect to exceed it."

The £80 million includes the cost of an insurance policy that will give a further £37 million worth of protection against a higher compensation bill. Mr Riley said that, in all, shareholder funds were now protected against a bill of up to £142 million because the group had the option to extend the cover to give protection of a further £25 million.

Brokerage and fees increased by 4 per cent at constant exchange rates, to £469.2 million. This was despite competitive market conditions, which Mr Riley said were showing no signs of easing. Expenses increased by 6 per cent, or, excluding acquisitions and disposals, by 2 per cent.

Willis Corroon, Sedgwick's fellow broker, last month agreed to be taken private by a £851 million takeover by a consortium led by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts. Mr Riley declined to say whether he had received a similar approach, but said: "We are looking at all our options all the time. We would like to make acquisitions which fit our strategy of expanding our consultancy and risk-management operations. We believe we can drive profits forward."

Earnings per share, before exceptional items, dropped from 8.4p to 8p, but the interim dividend remains unchanged at 3p.

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Colonial back on acquisitions trail

COLONIAL, the Australian insurer, has revealed that it is still on the acquisition trail after its £330 million purchase of Legal & General Australia last month. Colonial, which raised post-tax profits in the first half of the year from A$107 million (£39.6 million) to A$138 million said that the A$959 million that it had raised for July's acquisition had left it strongly capitalised to make "further strategic acquisitions in the short term".

Rob Garnsworthy, managing director of Colonial UK, said that the group was looking for opportunities "across the globe", such as Asia, but would be interested in acquiring a building society or insurer in the UK. Strong investment performance more than doubled UK profits to £19.2 million despite the £15 million cost of preparing its computer systems to combat the millennium bug and of the hiring and retraining of 150 sales agents from Gan Life. The number of Colonial shareholders in the United Kingdom has dropped from 260,000 to 107,000 since it floated in Australia last year. They will get an interim dividend of 7 cents per share payable on September 30.

Rea Brothers shines

STRONG growth in investment management helped to lift profits at Rea Brothers, the merchant bank, by 28.5 per cent to £1.8 million in the first half of 1998. Roger Parsons, group managing director, said the investment management division had been reorganised to accommodate more clients and rising levels of funds under management. Rea Brothers will pay an interim dividend of 0.65p, an increase of 8.3 per cent, as foreign dividend income on October 1. Earnings per share jumped 33.7 per cent to 2.62p.

US productivity down

THE productivity of US workers, the crucial factor in determining whether living standards improve, declined during the April-June quarter for the first time in more than three years. The output of non-farm, non-supervisory workers per hour of work fell by an annualised 0.2 per cent, the Labor Department said yesterday. It was also revealed that more Americans filed for bankruptcy during the 12 months to June 30 than in any one-year period. Personal bankruptcies jumped 9.2 per cent to 1.37 million.

Hardy's new chapter

BURTONWOOD BREWERY is handing over control of its brewing division to Thomas Hardy Holdings, which runs the brewery and packaging operations formerly owned by Eldridge Pope. Burtonwood will retain a 40 per cent stake in the new venture, but will concentrate on managing its pubs. Lynne D'Arcy, Burtonwood's managing director, said that its brewing operations had, for several years, faced a decline in ale drinking and competition from national brands. The venture will supply Burtonwood pubs and existing customers.

Hall slips in first half

HALL ENGINEERING suffered a fall in pre-tax profits from £9.4 million to £7.2 million in the half year to June 30 on sales up from £105 million to £135 million. Earnings per share fell from 10.8p to 9.49p, out of which the half-year dividend is maintained at 3.775p. Richard Hall, chairman, said: "A strong performance from our operations in East Asia has not offset the problems in our steel-related businesses in the UK. Market conditions continue to be very difficult although there are signs of a modest improvement in the second half."

Saab sales slide 15%

SAAB, the Swedish aeronautics and defence group, posted a first-half pre-tax profit of Skr475 million (£36 million) in its first financial report since undergoing a major restructuring, which brought in British Aerospace as a 35 per cent shareholder. Sales during the first six months of the year fell 15 per cent to Skr3.92 billion. Saab Military Aircraft represented almost 60 per cent of sales. The decline in sales was attributed largely to a decrease in the number of deliveries of Saab 340s and Saab 2000s.

Sanderson up 19%

SANDERSON BRAMALL Motor Group, the motor dealer, raised pre-tax profits 19 per cent to £8 million in the six months to June 30 on sales up 32 per cent to £424 million. Earnings rose 15 per cent to 15.15p and the dividend rose 15 per cent to 2.12p. Gearing fell from 101 per cent to 79 per cent. Tony Bramall, chairman, said: "Our order intake for new car sales for August delivery is similar to last year ... I am confident that we will again submit a satisfactory result for the year to our shareholders." The shares rose 5p to 190p.

CLS acquires Buspace

CLS HOLDINGS, the property company, has bought the freehold interest in Buspace Studios in London for £1.985 million. The property comprises 2,508 sq m and produces a net annual income of £195,943, giving an initial yield of 9.87 per cent. Once the vacant space of 393 sq m is let, the yield will rise to 11.7 per cent. CLS said the acquisition provided value for money and cashflow, and also increases the CLS exposure to the short-term letting market, which the company believes offers excellent potential for growth.

Milner's £100m aim

MILNER ESTATES, the property company formed last year from the merger of Conrad Ritblat and Speciality Shops, and which acquired Five Oaks Investments in March for £41 million, said it is looking to renegotiate its borrowing facilities in a move that could give it more than £100 million of financial firepower. Milner raised pre-tax profits 212 per cent to £9.97 million in the year to May 31 and raised earnings 57 per cent to 28.9p. Adjusted net assets rose 12.5 per cent to 324p. A total dividend of 5.313p will be paid by the new company.

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.84	2.87
Austria Sch	21.45	19.79
Belgium Fr	83.25	58.23
Canada $	2.606	2.418
Cyprus Cyp £	0.8984	0.8289
Denmark kr	11.67	10.78
Finland Mrk	9.39	8.64
France Fr	10.22	9.44
Germany Dm	3.071	2.829
Greece Dr	506	469
Hong Kong $	13.50	12.30
Iceland	129	109
Ireland Pt	1.2124	1.1234
Israel Shk	6.39	5.73
Italy Lire	3045	2808
Japan Yen	255.03	237.50
Malta	0.673	0.614
Netherlands Gld	3.470	3.175
New Zealand $	3.39	3.15
Norway Kr	13.02	12.08
Portugal Esc	310.12	288.09
S Africa Rd	11.03	10.07
Spain Pta	258.36	239.57
Sweden Kr	14.09	12.99
Switzerland Fr	2.384	2.366
Turkey Lira	480235	430357
USA $	1.742	1.599

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Big oil feels the heat

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Crude oil prices touched their lowest for ten years yesterday morning. They are now 40 per cent down on the $19 a barrel prevailing a year ago. And that was reckoned a minimum base for a healthy industry and energetic exploration.

In real terms, oil is now cheaper than when Opec trebled the price 25 years ago. The relics of power remain, but today it is usually every company for itself.

Two hours after Brent crude touched $11.55 per barrel, BP announced its agreed takeover of Amoco, the fourth-biggest US oil group, to form the UK's biggest company. The timing may be coincidental; the connection is not. Depression in Asia, which has long provided the fastest growing markets, will keep commodity prices down for years.

To survive and prosper, integrated oil exploration and production companies need to gather the maximum financial strength, amass control of downstream outlets, consolidate reserves and slash overhead costs.

Amoco has the worse size problems. That is why it agreed to a merger in which it will it will be the 40 per cent junior partner. Like some other American majors, Amoco's returns are low, as witnessed by its 42 per cent share of combined assets and 43 per cent of employees before cuts.

At BP, Lord Simon of Highbury and now Sir John Browne have boosted returns on assets. In Europe, more outlets have been tied up by the deal with Mobil. So Sir John can afford to combine the search for bigness with the opportunity to garner more assets to squeeze.

BP Amoco's may be in the big league. But its combined capital budget of $10 billion will surely come in for scrutiny. The North Sea, where BP is the biggest oil producer and Amoco pioneered gas with the old British Gas, cannot look promising at today's prices. It looks a great sector to consolidate strength, to the disappointment of the Treasury.

Most of the $250 million a year chalked up for quick savings will come from axing overlapping offices and management structures. Then the spotlight will fall on Amoco's assets.

Opec's discipline has understandably worn under pressure. This time, the biggest losers from the oil price slump will surely be companies in Russia and the rest of the former Soviet Union, desperately trying to adjust to private enterprise from a background of high manning, low efficiency and skimped maintenance spending.

Even in the West, BP Amoco is unlikely to be allowed to steal a march on its competitors. Big oil's status has shrunk so far that, even if this merger goes ahead, only three of the world's top 20 companies by market value will be in oil. There is scope for others to consolidate. If competition authorities permit, they will certainly attempt alternative combinations. They should have plenty of opportunity to challenge this one before the deal can be approved and delivered.

Asian flu spreads to the Footsie

Meltdown hit the international markets yesterday. Even the biggest corporate merger of all time could only haul the Footsie back from the depths of despond to record a loss of 2.7 per cent. There will be worse to come.

The plummeting yen signifies the extent of the crisis now enveloping the Far East. The sanguine view that the problems could be curtailed and that their impact on the West limited is being exposed as mere wishful thinking. This flu is catching and it is attacking markets that have had their resistance worn down.

The picture emerging in the UK is one of industry that is no longer able to fend off the ravages of a strong pound and increased interest rates. Job losses are being announced at an alarming rate and the Welfare to Work scheme, one of the Government's Big Ideas, will soon be stooping under the strain. Alas, the climate will not be right for the Chancellor to launch another windfall tax raid to pay for extending his pet project.

Companies are being forced to look for economies of scale, and more moves such as BP's are inevitable. But punters who have been relying on merger activity to bring them bonuses in the stock market could be disappointed. Deals that are borne out of such defensiveness are not going to carry a generous level of bid premium, certainly not enough to compensate for the distance that stocks are now travelling from the highs they hit earlier this year.

The arguments in favour of consolidation, most notably advanced in relation to the financial and pharmaceutical sectors, remain overwhelming. But given the daunting outlook for trade, those deals are not going to be done at silly prices. We have already seen this new sense of realism dawning, with the spate of merger activity among financial stocks coming to a near halt.

The only people who now seem anxious to pay heavy prices to buy companies are the private equity funds, but it will only take one or two disasters to become apparent, as they surely will, before these intrepid adventurers decide that the game is not as much fun as they thought.

As the recent Merrill Lynch poll of institutional investors found, experts can see no sense in buying into this market. And as the index plunges further, one suspects that the Government may be quietly shelving the ludicrous idea of putting an official seal of approval on some index tracking funds.

Retail knight chews it over

Followers of the thought processes of Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy will not be surprised by Kingfisher's comment on its current talks with Castorama. "A further announcement should not be expected in the near future," it declared.

There will be much dissecting of paper-clips, many late night sessions poring over figures and costly hours of consultancy before Sir Geoff finally comes to a conclusion as to whether a deal with the French group is a goer.

Impetuous is not the word. The retail knight agonises over every aspect of a deal before, generally, deciding not to do it. The grand plan to expand B&Q internationally has, so far, amounted to nothing more than an infant joint venture in Taiwan, despite the time that Jim Hodkinson, the former B&Q boss, spent touring the world in search of opportunities. Castorama was one of the companies on his visiting list.

Years later, Sir Geoff is now talking about co-operation with Castorama, but his thoughts must be towards a closer liaison before long. The increasingly inhospitable conditions in the UK retail market make a move into the European DIY sector look attractive, and Darty has already provided a good grounding in doing business in France.

However, Sir Geoff's thoughts are never restricted to a single potential deal. He may not be talking to Asda at the moment, but he is still thinking about the company and the benefits of putting the two organisations together.

Hard landing

JOHN PRESCOTT bases his comment that the landing slots at Heathrow now used by BA do not belong to the airline but "to the community" on the fact that no value was attached to them when BA was floated. He should have realised by now that many a privatisation failed to attach full value to what was being sold. But Prescott could not resist wading in and adding to the dilemma facing Peter Mandelson who has the last word on whether BA should be able to sell the slots.

Hitches at Amersham delay integration

By Paul Durman

THE medical imaging group Nycomed Amersham, formed last year by an Anglo-Norwegian merger, is to delay the integration of its businesses that was intended to produce annual savings of £70 million by 2000.

Amersham International, as it was then known, undertook two large deals in quick succession last year, first merging its drug development services arm with a similar business owned by Pharmacia & Upjohn, and then combining with Nycomed, a Norwegian group reliant on sales of X-ray contrast media.

The need to retrain European sales teams and other disruptions stemming from the complex integration were yesterday blamed for Amersham Pharmacia Biotech's flat sales of £197.1 million. On the much larger and more profitable imaging side, the group has decided to hold back some integration to enable it to meet its business targets. Giles Kerr, finance director, said this year's savings were expected to be £30 million, £7 million less than the previous target.

However, Nycomed Amersham said it remains on course to deliver the promised £70 million in 2000.

The group was reporting first-half pre-tax profits of £114 million, an 8 per cent improvement on the pro forma comparison with the same businesses last year.

Bill Castell, chief executive, said Nycomed Amersham had produced good growth from an improved mix of products. Sales actually declined by 2 per cent to £667.9 million, reflecting the falling price of X-ray contrast media in the US and declining sales in Japan, where the Government has imposed price reductions. US X-ray sales of £66 million fell by 14 per cent at constant exchange rates, although sales in the rest of the world improved by 12 per cent to £49.8 million.

Nycomed Amersham's fast-growing areas include Omniscan, its magnetic resonance imaging agent, which increased sales by 30 per cent to £23 million; Myoview, its heart-imaging agent, whose sales were up 37 per cent to £19.7 million; and its iodine seeds treatment for prostate cancer, which doubled sales to £18.7 million.

The imaging business contributed £84.6 million to operating profits of £127.8 million, a 7 per cent rise on last year's total of £119.6 million. At constant exchange rates, cost savings and a better mix of products enabled Amersham Pharmacia Biotech to improve profits by 25 per cent, but the strong pound eliminated most of this, leaving profits up only 3 per cent at £28.6 million.

Mr Castell has big hopes for MegaBACE, the DNA sequencing system developed with Molecular Dynamics, the US instruments company that it said on Monday it would buy for £157 million.

Nycomed Amersham is paying an interim dividend of 1.8p a share. It did not make a half-time payment last year.

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Diageo bonuses backed

SHAREHOLDERS at Diageo's annual meeting yesterday seemed more interested in whether they would get its Häagen-Dazs ice-cream afterwards than in details of the group's controversial new executive incentive plan (Dominic Walsh writes).

The plan, under which the food and drink group's three US directors could each earn more than £2 million of shares over three years, was overwhelmingly approved.

Some 89 per cent of proxy votes were cast for the plan, with just two of the 15 biggest institutional shareholders — thought to have been Standard Life and Norwich Union — voting against. One shareholder said: "It all went off like a Sunday school outing."

Diageo will now tell its top 1,000 executives the level of bonus they can expect.

Smith & Nephew seeks acquisition

By Paul Durman

SMITH & NEPHEW hopes to find new acquisition opportunities thrown up by the consolidation of the healthcare industry that it believes will follow Johnson & Johnson's recent $3.5 billion (£2.15 billion) acquisition of DePuy, the artificial knees and hips business.

Chris O'Donnell, chief executive, said that Smith & Nephew could easily borrow another £500 million to finance purchases. He said Roche's sale of DePuy "may make people think more about their future ... which could give us the opportunity to acquire critical mass in the orthopaedic area".

The company, which has interests ranging from plasters and bandages to sophisticated tools for keyhole surgery, has struggled to expand in recent years and has turned down many of the potential acquisitions it has considered.

Yesterday's first-half pre-tax profits showed an 11 per cent decline to £72 million, largely because of a £9 million hit from adverse currency movements.

The problems with Dermagraft, the artificial skin product that has had its US launch delayed because of regulatory concerns, produced £4 million of extra costs, with more expected during the second half of the year.

Mr O'Donnell said that pre-tax profits and sales of £517 million both showed underlying growth of 5 per cent, helped by solid performances in artificial knees and hips, keyhole surgery, and the casting and support business. However, pricing pressures and fewer operations in the US depressed sales of rods and plates used to support broken bones.

The interim dividend is unchanged at 2.4p a share and will be paid on December 9.

Memory moves into profit

MEMORY Corporation, the troubled computer chip manufacturer, said that it expects to report an operating profit for the first time since it floated on AIM three years ago (Matthew Barbour writes).

The company, whose shares plummeted from 555p shortly after listing to 26p earlier this year, moved into gross profits for the first time in the first half and expects net profits in the second half.

David Savage, finance director, said: "We've moved away from doing things that can be done better outside and we've narrowed our operations to two or three key memory technologies."

Last year the company made a loss of £3.31 million. Pre-tax losses remained flat at £1.2 million.

Copthorne records strong rise

By Robert Cole
City Correspondent

MILLENNIUM & Copthorne Hotels, the business hotel operator, has shrugged off potential problems in the slowing Western economies and turbulence in Asia to record a strong rise in profits. It said that the strength of sterling had had no effect on its performance.

Shares in Millennium were among the few stocks to climb in value yesterday, adding 12½p to close at 455½p. Interim pre-tax profits were 22 per cent ahead at £24.3 million, compared to £19.9 million.

Fears that CDL, the Hong Kong based hotel group controlled by Kwek Leng Beng, Millennium's chairman, will significantly reduce its 52 per cent stake in the UK firm were allayed. John Wilson, chief executive, said: "The chairman has assured me that CDL is not selling and that it will retain a majority stake."

Mr Wilson confirmed that his company would steer clear of trying to buy properties from Thistle Hotels, the chain that is up for sale. He said that Millennium had taken an interest in four or five of the London locations. But he added: "The values we put on them and the value Thistle had in mind were miles apart."

Earnings per share for the six months to June 30 were 12.2p (10.3p). The dividend is raised 18 per cent to 3.3p.

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ALAN WELLER



John Wilson and Kwek Leng Beng at the Gloucester hotel

BT moves to revamp operations

By Raymond Snoddy,
Media Editor

BT, fresh from its adventures with AT&T in the US, yesterday moved to reorganise its UK businesses by announcing the creation of a new BT UK Markets division with annual sales in excess of £10 billion.

The new super-marketing division will be one of seven divisions that will operate from October and will bring together all the market segments for voice, data services and products. The division will also operate BT shops and the group's telemarketing and telesales centres.

According to Bill Cockburn, group managing director, the reorganised company will "focus more sharply on service and efficiency." He played down any suggestion that the restructuring would lead to significant job losses.

Under the new structure there will be a new BT UK Customer Services division drawing together BT's field engineering, operator and repair services and a single Products and Solutions division.

Seven BT businesses, including BT Yellow Pages, BT Payphones and its broadcasting business will become the BT UK Enterprises division.

The other three divisions will be BT UK Mobility, which will manage BT's Cellnet stake mobility products, BT UK Networks and BT UK Business Services, which will control the £5 billion-a-year procurement and logistics operation.

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Kingfisher in French talks

By Sarah Cunningham
Retail Correspondent

KINGFISHER, the B&Q to Woolworths retail group, said yesterday that it is in talks about forming an alliance with Castorama, France's largest DIY chain, but that a takeover is not on the agenda.

Kingfisher, the UK's DIY market leader with B&Q, has been keen to expand the business with a large European acquisition and has been courting Castorama for some years. It remains interested but has been unable to persuade the founding Dubois family, which owns just 12 per cent of the company but has a majority of voting rights, to sell.

It said yesterday that "discussions were continuing to see if a basis for some form of alliance could be found", but added that "the discussions do not envisage an offer for Castorama shares".

The two may try to put together a pan-European DIY buying group, similar to the joint buying groups run by food retailers. Another area for possible co-operation would be in Castorama's non-French operations, particularly its German venture which has not performed well.

French market sources said that the Dubois family would be unlikely to sell at less that Fr1,600 (£164) a share, compared with the current price of nearer Fr1,100. This would value Castorama at considerably more than £2 billion, making it too costly to justify to its shareholders.

Analysts said that Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive of Kingfisher, was torn between a desire to expand and an equally strong determination not to overpay. Talks have been held most recently with Germany's Hornbach and, in Britain, with Asda. Kingfisher already owns the leading French electrical business, Darty.

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STOCK MARKET  FRASER NELSON

BP deal fails to stop panic in Square Mile

BRITISH PETROLEUM yesterday failed to save London shares from their most damaging fall so far this year, as a collapse of confidence in the banking sector dragged equities into a tailspin.

The FTSE 100 index plummeted 154.8 points to 5,432.8 — closing 747 points off the peak it achieved only three weeks ago. This is the largest gap seen in London since 1987's Black Monday.

The nervous selling that has been steadily weakening the market over the past three weeks gave way to full-blown panic by mid-afternoon as trading started in earnest.

A total 940 million shares changed hands — almost double the volume seen on Monday. Dealers who had dismissed the last few days' drops as a "phoney crash" — because so few shares were traded — started baling out.

One said: "We thought it would take one mega-merger to get things going again. You can't get much bigger than BP, and if the market has still fallen 150 points after this deal then things must be serious."

BP had taken the market entirely by surprise. At 1.29pm, its shares were trading quietly at 735p in bundles of £120,000. Seconds after its 1.30pm announcement, panicked dealers were paying 900p for any shares available.

The FTSE 100 — which had lost 184 points to 5,403 just prior to the announcement, immediately clawed back 80 points as BP's merger looked as if it would save London shares single-handedly.

Wall Street opened steadily as Amoco jumped 34 per cent to a high of $55. But within half an hour US financial stocks gave way to fears about the Asian economies and Wall Street tumbled, with the FTSE 100 following suit.

By 3.30pm, BP was retreating fast — climbing quickly back down from the 900p level. By close of play, it had dropped a whole pound back from its day's high and ended only 22p better at 795p. By this reckoning, the value added by its £68 billion merger totalled £1.3 billion.

Other oil stocks came tumbling in sympathy. **Lasmo** managed to gain only 3½p to 216p; **Premier Oil** was only ¾p better at 37p and **Cairn Energy** up 3p to 220p.

There was strong trade in all these companies, as many punters laid claim to any defensive mergers that may take place in the wake of the BP deal.

True to the formula set in last September's mini-crash, it was the banks and stocks associated with the Far East that suffered the most.

Sun Life & Provincial came down 8.3 per cent to 508p; **Royal Bank of Scotland** lost 70p to 910p and **CGU** was down 7 per cent to £10.45. ***Standard Chartered*** came off 7 per cent to 593p and **HSBC** lost 6.6 per cent to a low of £12.60.

The worst casualty was **British Airways**, off 8.6 per cent to 509p. It was already weakened by fears about passenger yield, which became an excuse for any nervous investors to pull out.

The second-line stocks that have been the main recipients of any positive movements engendered by takeover speculation fared little better as brokers advised clients that all bets are now off.

One fund manager said: "It would be madness to make a cash bid in a falling market. No predator will buy on a day when a company could be down 10 per cent the next."

In September's mini-crash, possible bid targets held their ground. This time, only the strongest of rumours preserved any takeover premiums. **Booker** slid 5½p to 249½p, **Car Group** fell 2½p to 15p and **HR Owen** fell ¼p to 14¼p.

Shares of **Vaux**, the brewing and hotels group, held their ground as talk of a takeover approach from **Whitbread** gathered strength. A tentative approach appears to have been made — but the talks are understood to be in the very early stages.

The shares have now almost reached the 356p high attained after the company admitted it was in talks with an unnamed bidder — widely believed to be Stakis — which broke down over price.

Shares of Vaux lost only ½p to 338½p, sustaining most of the week's gains. Whitbread lost 19p, closing at 838p.

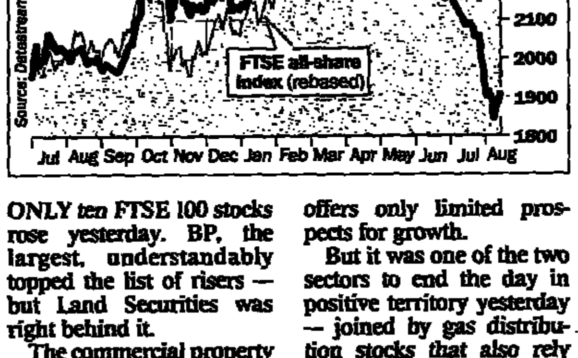
The most worrying decline came from the computer services sector, which dealers say is the most reliant on market optimism. **Misys** fell 98p to £26.20; **Sema** dropped 31p to 565p and **Parity** dropped 52½p to 665p. **Logica** had one of its worst days since Martin Read, chief executive, took the company to the market — losing 82½p to £18.67p.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** With so many institutions now holding so much cash, bonds could not fail to benefit from falling equity prices. But it was a cautious move, which few dealers said would qualify as a "flight to quality" expected in such dismal markets. Treasury 11 per cent 2004 added only 3/32 to 111 24/32, and Treasury 6 per cent 2028 added 17/32 to 110 13/32.

□ **NEW YORK:** Fears that Asia's financial crisis will be prolonged sent investors running for the protection of the Treasuries market. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 196.96 points at 8,377.89.



Martin Read saw Logica suffer one of its worst days since it came to market as its shares tumbled 82½p to £18.67



ONLY ten FTSE 100 stocks rose yesterday. BP, the largest, understandably topped the list of risers — but Land Securities was right behind it.

The commercial property company is exactly the kind of stock that investors seek out when the banks are falling over themselves in a downhill race.

The sector has been punished heavily in recent months and has underperformed the market by some 15 per cent over the past 12 months.

This is mainly on accusations that it is dowdy and offers only limited prospects for growth.

But it was one of the two sectors to end the day in positive territory yesterday — joined by gas distribution stocks that also rely almost exclusively on UK customers.

Capital & Regional Properties, steady at 216½p, last week returned results that demonstrated to investors that property prices and rent rates are still very much intact.

The property sector seems already to have taken a beating. Now it may be its turn to outperform.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	8377.89 (-196.96)
S&P Composite	1061.46 (-21.08)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	15406.99 (-219.43)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	6779.95 (-254.67)

Amsterdam:

AEX Index	1124.98 (-42.66)

Sydney:

AO	2561.1 (-36.3)

Frankfurt:

DAX	5268.40 (-207.85)

Singapore:

Straits	1007.93 (-31.34)

Brussels:

BEL20	3375.22 (-93.97)

Paris:

CAC-40	3845.98 (-93.47)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	1494.50 (-66.90)

London:

FT 30	3303.2 (-84.5)
FTSE 100	5432.8 (-154.8)
FTSE 250	5202.3 (-102.4)
FTSE 350	2626.4 (-70.5)
FTSE Eurotop 100	2659.86 (-75.32)
FTSE All-Share	2558.06 (-67.07)
FTSE Non Financials	2628.93 (-55.14)
FTSE Fixed Interest	145.20 (+0.51)
FTSE Govt Secs	106.46 (0.29)
Bargains	65335
SEAQ Volume	941.6m
US$	1.6325 (+0.0004)
German Mark	2.9076 (+0.0034)
Exchange Index	104.4 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4801
£:SDR	1.2298
RPI	163.4 Jun (3.7%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	161.1 Jun (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

NEW ISSUES

Chaucer A Wts	12½	...
Coca-Cola (160)	169	- 2½
Downtex	26	...
Hidden Hearing Intl	144½	- 5½
MEPC Non Cum Pf B	94	- 1
Martin Cur Hgh Inc	103	- ½
Premier Direct Grp	182½	...
Selfridges (233)	204½	+ ½
Sodra Petroleum	52½	- 2
Sprngbrd Vent Mng	147½	...
SupaRule	99½	...
Syndct Cp Wts 98/02	23½	...
Torotrak	266½	- 1
Wilmslow Group	2½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Pressac n/p (180)	29½	+ ½
Torotrak n/p (300)	½	...
Wellington n/p (210)	2½	- 7½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Dialog	185p (+12½p)
Br Petroleum	795p (+22p)
Land Sec	865p (+21½p)
Next	465p (+10p)
Securicor	515p (+10p)
Brake Bros	797½p (+10p)

FALLS:

Mansfield	259p (-26p)
Delta	161½p (-12p)
BPP	637½p (-55p)
Molins	157½p (-15p)
Br Airways	509p (-48p)
Sun Life & P	508p (-46p)
Shield Diag	530p (-47½p)
Mitel	673½p (-58p)
Robert Walters	292½p (-25p)
Parity	665p (-52½p)
Adam & Harvey	257½p (-20p)
Ryl Bk Scot	910p (-70p)
Psion	605p (-45p)
Express Dairys	144½p (-10p)
Autologic	258p (-17p)
Jones Stroud	235p (-15p)
Bank Scotland	607p (-45p)
Stand Chart	593p (-44p)
Lynx Gp	207p (-15p)

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In need of oxygen

AFTER spending much of the last two-and-a-half years telling the world what a good job BOC was doing in often difficult markets, Danny Rosenkranz, its chief executive, would now like us to believe that the gases group is struggling to keep up with its rivals. And despite what it tells the unions, this crisis of competitiveness is the real reason why it is laying off almost 5,000 employees, not the strong pound or Asian economic problems.

This is exceedingly hard for those who will lose their jobs. Comparisons with Air Liquide, Praxair and Air Products — all of which have been underperforming pretty much in line with BOC — produce few clear conclusions. BOC's steady loss of market share in the UK is also unpersuasive, since the British Oxygen Company used to own the entire market.

Nonetheless, it undoubtedly makes sense to try to encourage a more entrepreneurial, sales-oriented culture within BOC, and to shed any vestiges of complacency created by market dominance. Some observers believe some of BOC's long list of contract wins are proving less profitable than anticipated. Cutting costs by an eventual £120 million a year will obviously help. And reorganising around four global lines of business is intended to allow BOC to better understand its customers' needs.

The immediate future for BOC continues to look gloomy — the semiconductor industry is in a mess along with much of Asia, UK manufacturing is in recession, and, worst of all, there are finally signs that the US economy is slowing. Longer term, the need for industrial gases is so widespread in modern economies that BOC's growth is assured.

M&C Hotels

SHAREHOLDERS in Millennium & Copthorne Hotels must be desperately disappointed at the performance of their stock over recent weeks. Here is a company that seems to have put not a foot wrong since being floated in April 1996, and positively sparkles when compared with rivals Jarvis and Thistle.

Half-year results published yesterday confirm the view that this is a quality firm. Profits, earnings and dividend all moved up. So did occupancy, average room rates and the yield per available room. Even in continental Europe, where performance has suffered as the Millennium Commodore hotel in Paris was refurbished, the important ratios progressed, albeit only a tad.

Evidence of management complacency, however, comes through. Can Millennium really be insulated from the Asia/sterling/Western economic slowdown in the way it says it is? Are static London occupancy rates not a direct result of increasing room rates — another sign of over-confidence?

Since peaking in May Millennium shares have felt the pressure of being a constituent of the hotel and leisure sector. Perhaps more than most industry groupings, these stocks are tarred with the same brush, and that brush is looking decidedly unpleasant just now.

Millennium is no more than a hold.



Sedgwick

SEDGWICK'S conservative provision for its share of the pensions mis-selling compensation bill has removed much of the uncertainty that has surrounded the stock.

It was particularly good to see that Sedgwick has given itself a big cushion to protect itself if, as has happened repeatedly in this sad saga, the actual bill for pensions mis-selling is larger than expected.

For this reason, Sedgwick's shares steadied yesterday despite a drop in profits for the interim period. The decision to maintain the interim dividend in the face of falling pre- and post-provision profits also counted in the company's favour.

There was further good news in the form of a slight increase in brokerage and fees for the interim period, a trend that got better in the second quarter.

But lean times still lie ahead for insurance brokers like Sedgwick. Its marketplace is suffering from overcapacity and fierce competition rages. It is also hard to see a time in the near future when the trading environment will ease.

The prospect of a bid from a predator, which would trigger a rise in the share price, cannot be ruled out. But this is not a good enough reason for investors who do not already hold Sedgwick's shares to start buying them.

Amersham

NYCOMED AMERSHAM is a difficult company to understand — and not just because of its funny name, the multiplicity of strange technologies that form the heart of its businesses, and the two mergers last year that complicate any financial analysis of the results.

The group's largest business — X-ray contrast media — is also the one that faces the greatest problems, with fierce price pressure in the US slashing the value of sales. Meanwhile, the fast-growing areas such as the iodine seeds used to treat prostate cancer and the various (non-X-ray) imaging agents are all relatively small in themselves.

The X-ray problems need to be kept in proportion — despite the rapid decline in the US, the business remains a strong contributor to profits. And the introduction of iodine seeds to Europe and new products such as its ultrasound agent offer genuinely exciting growth prospects.

This week's purchase of Molecular Dynamics for £167 million also looks a clever move since it allows Nycomed Amersham to take full advantage of the roll-out of the state-of-the-art machines for DNA analysis. At $200,000 a time, and feeding on $50,000 of reagents every year, this is a very impressive business.

The shares are a hold.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Sep	1063-1061	Dec	1181-1175
Dec	1094-1093	Mar	1199-1195
Mar	1118-1116	May	unq
May	1134-1132	Jul	—
Jul	1150-1148		
Sep	1165-1162		Volume: 6244

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1618-1615	May	1538-1520
Nov	1580-1576	Jul	unq
Jan	1555-1550	Sep	—
Mar	1540 SLR		Volume: 3961

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reiters		May	259.0-57.5
Spot: unq		Aug	263.0-60.5
Oct	252.5-51.5	Oct	263.0-60.0
Dec	252.0-51.5	Dec	264.0-59.0
Mar	255.7-54.3		Volume: 2789

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 10

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	46.55	107.08	89.86
(+/-)	-2.75	+3.22	+0.39
Eng/Wales:	46.14	107.26	89.68
(+/-)	-2.70	+4.02	+0.43
(%)	-2.0	+1.0	-13.0
Scotland:	54.82	106.37	91.36
(+/-)	-17.0	+13.0	+6.0
(%)	-2.28	+4.02	-0.42

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	11.55	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Sep)	11.85	-0.50
Brent 15 day (Oct)	12.10	-0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	12.90	-0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	13.25	-0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	140 (-6)	145 (-5)
Gasoil EEC	109 (n/c)	112 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (n/c)	62 (n/c)
Naphtha	118 (-1)	120 (-3)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Aug	99.75-100.00	Nov	113.75-14.00
Sep	104.25-04.50	Dec	117.50-17.75
Oct	109.50-09.75		Vol: 35751

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	11.83-11.84	Dec	12.70-12.78
Oct	12.06-12.08	Jan	12.91-13.05
Nov	12.46 SLR		Vol: 61682

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	70.25	Sep	69.70
Nov	72.25	Nov	72.75
Jan	74.25	Jan	74.75
Mar	76.25	Mar	76.60
May	78.25	May	77.60
Volume: 99		Volume: 20	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	80.0
Mar		112.5
Apr	173.0	166.0
		Volume: 148

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Sep 46.50-47.00

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 98	780	775	775
Sep 98	unq	—	810
Oct 98	890	880	881
Jan 98	926	926	926
Vol: 33 lots		Open interest: 1884	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1599.0-1600.0	1619.0-1619.5	965275
Lead ($/tonne)	537.00-538.00	545.00-546.00	169200
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1020.0-1021.0	1040.0-1040.5	280325
Tin ($/tonne)	5725.0-5730.0	5625.0-5630.0	25650
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1290.5-1291.5	1315.5-1316.0	816175
Nickel ($/tonne)	4015.0-4020.0	4070.0-4080.0	79956

TRADED OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
ASDA	180	12½	19½	24½	8	12	14½
("187½)	200	6	11	15½	30	23½	25½
Abbey Nat	1050	76	116	136	43½	68½	86
("1080)	1100	51	92	112½	68½	94	109½
Alld Dom	550	27	40½	52½	21	36½	38½
("553½)	600	8½	20½	32	53	68	69
BAA	600	66	79	93½	12½	20½	26
("647½)	650	35	50½	67½	31	41	47
BAT Ind	600	50	68	—	23	42½	—
("615½)	650	27½	45½	—	51	69	—
Barclays	1600	96	150½	184	80	110½	136½
("1606½)	1700	56	108	140	139½	167½	191½
Bass	901	87	—	—	23	—	—
("951½)	957	55	—	—	46½	—	—
Boots	950	59	85½	111½	34	53½	61
("962)	1000	35	61	85½	61	79	85½
Br Airways	500	42½	59½	74	22½	34½	42
("511)	550	22	36½	52	51½	62½	69½
BP	800	60½	82½	99	37½	48	60
("817½)	850	38	58	74½	63	74	85½
Br Steel	110	12½	15½	19	4½	7½	9½
("115)	120	7½	11	14½	9	13	14½
C&W	700	69½	85	115	35	52½	65
("718½)	750	42½	70½	91	65½	77½	90
CU	1000	63	121½	144½	44	63½	84
("1040½)	1050	56	96½	119	69½	88	107½
Glaxo W	1700	133	196½	239½	76½	113	144
("1731)	1800	85	146½	190	127	163	192½
HSBC	1250	100	149	175½	96½	127½	154½
("1258)	1300	78	125	153½	124	153	181½
Halifax	650	70½	97	112	22½	43½	57
("675½)	700	44	72½	86½	47½	67½	81
ICI	650	62	87½	102	29	43	54
("695)	700	36½	62½	77	53	68½	79
Land Sec	850	46	72	87½	32	46	47
("857)	900	20	45½	60	57	69	70½
M&S	460	43½	54½	67½	10	16	21
("491)	500	19	31½	45½	25½	33	37½
Nat Pwr	500	50	63½	74	14½	24	30½
("530)	550	23½	38½	49	37	48	55
Nat West	1100	79½	116½	137	58	77	95
("1111)	1150	59½	91½	112	83	102	120
Reed Intl	500	45½	62½	73	16	24½	34
("522½)	550	21½	37½	50½	43½	49½	59½
Redland	530	67½	—	—	14	—	—
("578½)	588	33½	—	—	38½	—	—
Ryl&Sun	550	40½	63	77	29½	42	54
("560)	600	21½	41½	55½	60	71	82½
Safeway	330	25½	33½	43	18	17½	19½
("343)	360	10½	19	28½	26	33	35
Sainsbury	460	51	67½	80½	12	22½	29
("497½)	500	25	45½	58½	27½	38½	45½
Shell	330	30½	40	47	8½	14	18
("352½)	360	14	24	31½	22½	26½	32
Smith Bch	650	51	75½	95½	35	48½	62
("653½)	700	29½	52	72½	62½	77½	89
Std Chtr	550	81	105½	119½	37½	48½	63
("596)	600	57	82½	98	62½	74	90½
Thames W	1059	93½	125½	147½	24½	39½	48½
("1112)	1114	81	95	118	47	63½	72½
Vodafone	800	66½	95½	118	50	71	82
("800½)	850	44½	72	96	79	98	108
Woolwich	294	33	—	—	8½	—	—
("317½)	326	18½	—	—	22	—	—
Zeneca	2100	188½	249½	301	81½	129½	184
("2172½)	2200	118	189½	250	140	178½	211½

Series		Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	152	7	15½	—	2	11½	—
("157½)	177	—	8	—	19½	27	—
Blue Circ	300	27½	39	47½	5	10	15½
("327)	330	5	22½	31½	8½	23	29
Br Aero	450	21½	49	—	4	26	—
("468)	475	8	37	—	15½	38	—
Br Telcm	800	18	65½	89½	18½	48	66
("803)	850	3½	44½	68½	50	77	94
Cadbury	800	38	70	96	6	31½	45½
("833½)	850	9½	45	70½	27½	55½	69½
Carlton Cms	450	34½	56½	74½	2	19	27½
("491)	500	10	33½	54½	15½	38	46
Diageo	613	58½	—	—	1½	—	—
("670)	671	13½	—	—	18	—	—
Energy Gp	800	40½	44½	—	—	—	—
("840)	850	½	2½	—	10½	10½	—
Gallaher	360	11	22	34½	3	21	25½
("370)	390	—	9½	21½	22½	39½	43
GEC	460	7½	33½	47	14	32½	39½
("483)	500	—	18½	31	45½	58	64½
Hanson	300	22	35½	44½	7	9	15½
("351)	330	3	19½	29	11	23	28
Imp Tob	500	21	42½	52	2½	17	23
("517)	550	1	19	28½	33½	44	58
Kingfisher	450	26½	46½	58½	1½	18½	22
("474½)	475	9	32½	45	9½	27½	34
Lasmo	200	16½	29	37½	1	7½	9½
("215½)	220	3½	20½	28	8	15	18½
Ladbroke	260	11	29½	39	4½	19½	21½
("266½)	280	2	21	29½	16	30	32½
Lucasvar	220	5	18½	25½	4½	13½	18½
("221½)	240	½	10½	17½	19	24½	28½
P&O	650	26½	57	81	3½	34½	45
("670½)	900	3½	33½	56	31½	61½	71
Prudentl	750	40½	78	105	5½	38	62
("785)	800	12½	53	80½	27	60½	76½
Rio Tinto	650	20½	51	74	7½	35½	48½
("664)	700	2½	30	52	40	64½	76½
Redland	330	15½	—	—	—	—	—
("345)	380	½	—	—	15½	—	—
R-Royce	200	20	29½	38	1	9	11½
("219½)	220	5	18½	25½	6½	17	20½
Tesco	167	5	12½	18½	2½	9½	12
("189)	183	½	6	11½	14	18	21
Utd Bisc	216	18½	23½	31	—	5	9½
("234)	238	3	11½	18	6	14½	19

Series		Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
AB&Leic	800	77½	105	129	28	44½	64½
("842½)	850	49½	80	103½	50½	69	88
BG	360	31½	44½	57	5½	15	20
("383½)	390	14	29½	42	16½	28½	34
BSkyB	420	15½	31	40½	16½	28½	35½
("420)	460	3½	15	25	45½	54	59½
Br Bio	30	6½	10	11½	3	5	6½
("33)	35	4½	8	9½	6	8	9½
Centrica	90	5	8	11½	4	6	7½
("90½)	100	1½	5	7	10½	12	13
Dixons	500	31½	50½	63½	12	20½	29½
("518½)	550	8½	26	40	35½	45½	55½
EMI	460	23½	44	58	24	38	46½
("455½)	500	8	28½	41½	50	62½	70
Granada	850	59½	91	105½	10	30	44½
("898½)	900	31	62½	79½	30	51½	68
GUS	600	49	68	82	14½	28	36½
("691)	700	18	42	56½	38	52	60½
Lloyds TSB	700	55½	88½	109½	22½	45	59½
("729)	750	30½	64	84½	47	70½	84
Lonrho	258	25	—	—	3½	—	—
("279½)	288	6½	—	—	19½	—	—
Norwich	390	29½	45	58½	11	25	31½
("406)	420	15	30	45½	25½	38	46½
Orange	750	48½	92	113½	35	65	81
("761)	800	28	69	98	62½	82	107
Railtrck	1450	79½	147	190½	62	112	134½
("1464½)	1500	52	122½	168	86	135½	159½
Scot Pwr	550	48½	76	84	9	25	32½
("587½)	600	19½	50	58½	28½	49½	58
Sears	90	5	8½	10½	7	6	7½
("91½)	100	1½	5	6½	9½	12½	13½
Tomkins	300	10	17½	24	13½	23	24
("301½)	330	3	8	13½	31	41½	44½
Unilever	550	38½	60	74½	13	28	35
("575½)	600	15	36	50	38½	53	60

August 11 Total: 44615 Calls: 17639 Puts: 27176

FTSE INDEX ("5421")

Strike	Calls Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Puts Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
5250	213	323	384½	459	—	57½	133	181	229½	—
5300	178½	288	349½	423½	492	72	147½	196	242	254½
5350	145½	256	317½	392	—	88½	167	214½	262	—
5400	118½	227½	290	364½	423½	111	185	236½	284½	294
5450	91½	197½	262½	336½	—	133½	210	259	307	—
5500	71½	168	234½	309	386	163½	232½	281½	330	335½
5550	52½	145½	207	281	—	194	264	304½	353½	—
5600	38½	123	182	253½	315½	230½	294	337½	377½	387½

August 11 Total: 7755 Calls: 2548 Puts: 5207 *Underlying security price

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Sep 98	110.19	110.78	110.09	110.46	78834
Previous open interest 171409	Dec 98	110.36	110.72	110.32	110.61	1452
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 98	110.32	110.96	110.32	110.80	13292
Previous open interest 70402	Dec 98				110.04	0
Five Year Gilt	Sep 98	104.30	104.30	104.30	104.25	14
Previous open interest 2376	Dec 98					0
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 98	122.12	122.65	122.00	122.47	24435
Previous open interest 112691	Dec 98	108.48	108.94	108.48	108.73	730
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 98	134.11	134.19	133.93	133.95	2803
	Dec 98	133.95	133.96	133.79	133.77	495
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 98	92.330	92.350	92.300	92.320	27194
	Dec 98	92.490	92.510	92.450	92.460	44225
Previous open interest 1143820	Mar 99	92.720	92.750	92.690	92.700	49178
Three Mth Euromark	Sep 98	96.450	96.470	96.445	96.460	70842
Previous open interest 2538684	Dec 98	96.245	96.290	96.245	96.275	83996
Three Mth Eurolira	Sep 98	95.410	95.410	95.360	95.380	24764
Previous open interest 738871	Dec 98	96.160	96.180	96.150	96.170	15877
Three Mth Euroswiss	Sep 98	98.130	98.200	98.110	98.190	22026
Previous open interest 193627	Dec 98	97.930	98.020	97.910	98.000	21677
Three Mth Euro	Sep 98	95.910	95.925	95.905	95.920	723
Previous open interest 33697	Dec 98	96.205	96.225	96.205	96.220	182
FTSE 100	Sep 98	5550.0	5565.0	5411.0	5433.0	41230
Previous open interest 194470	Dec 98	5602.0	5602.0	5531.0	5516.0	350

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7½ Finance Hse 8

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 8 Low 7½ Week fixed: 7½

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 7¼; 3 mth 7¼. Sell: 2 mth 7¼; 3 mth: 7¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	7½-7⁷⁄₁₆	7½-7⁷⁄₁₆	7¼-7⁷⁄₁₆	7⅜-7¼	
Sterling Money Rates:	7¹³⁄₁₆-7¾	7¹³⁄₁₆-7¾	7¹³⁄₁₆-7¾	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⅝	7⅝-7¹⁷⁄₃₂
Interbank:	7¹³⁄₁₆-7¾	7¹³⁄₁₆-7¾	7¹³⁄₁₆-7¾	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⅝	7½-7¹³⁄₃₂

Overnight: open 7¾, close 7⅛.

Local Authority Deps:	7¾	n/a	7¾	7½	7⅜
Sterling CDs:	7²⁵⁄₃₂-7¾	7²⁵⁄₃₂-7²³⁄₃₂	7²⁵⁄₃₂-7²³⁄₃₂	7²¹⁄₃₂-7¹⁹⁄₃₂	7⁹⁄₁₆-7½
Dollar CDs:	5.56	n/a	5.58	5.61	5.64
Building Society CDs:	7²⁵⁄₃₂-7¹¹⁄₁₆	7²⁵⁄₃₂-7¹¹⁄₁₆	7²⁵⁄₃₂-7¹¹⁄₁₆	7²¹⁄₃₂-7⁹⁄₁₆	7½-7¹³⁄₃₂

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5½-5⅜	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	5½-4¾
Deutschemark:	3¹³⁄₁₆-2¹⁵⁄₁₆	3½-3⅜	3⁹⁄₁₆-3½	3¹¹⁄₁₆-3⅝	4-3
French Franc:	3¹³⁄₁₆-3⁹⁄₁₆	3⅝-3⁷⁄₁₆	3⅝-3½	3¹³⁄₁₆-3¹¹⁄₁₆	3½-2½
Swiss Franc:	1⁵⁄₁₆-1³⁄₁₆	1½-1⅜	1½-1⅜	2-1⅜	2½-1½
Yen:	½-¼	½-¼	½-¼	½-¼	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Bank & Co)

Bullion: Open $285.00-285.40 Close: $284.70-285.20 High: $286.50-287.00
Low: $283.50-284.00 AM: $284.50 PM: $284.80

Krugerrand: $285.50-287.50 (£174.75-176.75)

Platinum: $375.00 (£229.35) Silver: $5.215 (£3.185) Palladium: $288.00 (£176.15)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for August 10	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2777-3.2937	3.2777-3.2805	1¼-1⅛pr	3⅞-3⅝pr
Brussels	59.911-60.270	59.911-60.025	25-20pr	65-58pr
Copenhagen	11.075-11.132	11.075-11.084	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Dublin	1.1560-1.1649	1.1560-1.1607	18-11pr	49-40pr
Frankfurt	2.9073-2.9213	2.9073-2.9102	1¼-1pr	3-2¾pr
Lisbon	297.35-299.04	297.35-297.68	1-½pr	2½-2⅛pr
Madrid	246.73-247.94	246.73-246.95	76-65pr	209-191pr
Milan	2850.0-2879.9	2866.9-2870.7	76-60pr	211-189pr
Montreal	2.4803-2.4888	2.4822-2.4844	0.60-0.55pr	1.06-0.98pr
New York	1.6316-1.6354	1.6325-1.6334	0.303-0.282pr	0.815-0.785pr
Oslo	12.407-12.499	12.407-12.418	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Paris	9.7452-9.7980	9.7452-9.7571	3⅛-3⅜pr	1⅛-1pr
Stockholm	13.253-13.357	13.275-13.299	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1pr
Tokyo	240.12-240.94	240.12-240.42	1⅛-1⅛pr	4⅛-4⅛pr
Vienna	20.455-20.553	20.455-20.477	⅛-⅛pr	2⅛-1⅛pr
Zurich	2.4293-2.4444	2.4293-2.4323	1⅛-1⅛pr	3⅛-3⅛pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

EXCHANGE RATES

Australia	1.6818-1.6832
Austria	12.53-12.54
Belgium (Com)	36.71-36.75
Canada	1.5207-1.5212
Denmark	6.7825-6.7845
France	5.9700-5.9720
Germany	1.7804-1.7814
Hong Kong	7.7485-7.7490
Ireland	1.4100-1.4120
Italy	1756.50-1757.50
Japan	147.12-147.17
Malaysia	4.2450-4.2550
Netherlands	2.0081-2.0091
Norway	7.6000-7.6060
Portugal	182.07-182.22
Singapore	1.7596-1.7626
Spain	151.09-151.19
Sweden	8.1288-8.1388
Switzerland	1.4885-1.4890

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6347-1.6372
Australia dollar	2.7490-2.7550
Bahrain dinar	0.6060-0.6220
Brazil real*	1.9049-1.9075
China yuan*	13.372-13.677
Cyprus pound	0.8425-0.8635
Finland markka	8.7675-8.9115
Greece drachma	476.25-487.65
Hong Kong dollar	12.6634-12.6704
India rupee	68.70-70.50
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4940-0.5070
Malaysia ringgit	6.9294-6.9655
New Zealand dollar	3.2549-3.2611
Pakistan rupee	79.65 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8625-5.9965
Singapore dollar	2.8757-2.8820
S Africa rand (com)	10.121-10.621
U A E dirham	5.9150-6.0520

Barclays Treasury * Lloyds Bank

FTSE 100 VOLUME

3i	901	Lloyds TSB	9,341
ASDA Gp	16,624	LucasVarity	3,500
Abbey Nat	2,084	Marks Spr	4,186
Allied Dom	2,701	Misys	145
Allnce & Leic	1,059	Nat Grid	2,361
Argyescap	1,137	Nat Power	1,748
AB Foods	1,019	NatWst Bk	5,234
Bk of Scot	3,034	Norwich Un	2,837
BAA	1,591	Nycmd Amr	1,001
Barclays	5,800	Orange	4,489
Bass	1,261	P & O	4,149
BAT Inds	3,335	Pearson	1,842
BG	2,993	PowerGen	698
Billiton	3,744	Prudential	3,950
Blue Circle	1,904	Railtrack	2,774
BOC	2,485	Rank Group	829
Boots	1,429	Reckitt Col	986
BAe	2,967	Reed Intl	4,497
BA	10,157	Rentokil	5,017
Brit Energy	1,635	Reuters	4,450
Br Land	2,507	Rio Tinto	1,947
BP	131,608	RMC	1,627
Brit Steel	4,243	Rolls Royce	2,875
BSkyB	2,142	Ryl & Sun	10,212
BT	8,465	Ryl Bk Scot	1,365
BTR	15,512	Safeway	1,433
CGU	3,079	Sainsbury	2,870
Cable Wire	7,300	Schroders	180
Cadbury	2,949	Scot & New	3,533
Carlton Cms	2,650	Scot Power	3,913
Centrica	4,035	Svrn Trent	837
Compass Gp	5,038	Shell Trans	47,421
Diageo	6,601	Siebe	1,099
EMI	2,203	Smiths Ind	845
Enterpr Oil	6,017	SmKl Bch	11,114
Gen Elec	7,495	Stagecoach	146
GKN	1,523	Std Chard	4,790
Glaxo Well	5,272	Sun Life	659
Granada	1,596	Tesco	10,170
GUS	950	Thames W	344
GRE	1,849	Tomkins	5,374
ICI	2,897	Unilever	6,343
HSBC	6,648	Utd News	663
Halifax	8,308	Utd Utilities	649
Hays	1,442	Vodafone	17,008
Kingfisher	4,918	WPP	1,472
Ladbroke	1,408	Whitbread	2,771
Land Secs	2,578	Williams	1,381
LASMO	7,251	Woolwich	7,755
Legal & Gn	3,832	Zeneca	1,387

NEW YORK

	Aug 11 midday	Aug 10 close
AMP Inc	39	41½
AMR Corp	65	64½
AT & T	57½	58
Abbott Labs	40½	40
Advanced Micro	17½	17
Aetna Life	66½	66
Ahmanson (HF)	60½	62½
Air Prod & Chem	33½	34½
AirTouch Comm	57½	58½
Albertson's	48	49
Alcan Alumn	24½	24½
Allied Signal	35½	36
Alum Co of Am	66½	67
Amerada Hess	46½	47½
AEP	42½	43
Amer Express	96	100
Amer Genl Corp	65	66
Amer Home Pr	49½	51½
Amer Intl	90	92
Amer Online	107	113
Amer Stores	29	28
Amer Standard	45	46½
Ameritech	48	49
Amgen	69½	71
Amoco	47½	40½
Andrew Corp	15	16
Anheuser-Busch	49	50
Apple Computer	38½	37
Archer Daniels	17½	17½
Armco	5	5½
Armstrong Wrld	57	57½
Asarco	21	21½
Atl Richfield	64	64½
Atmel Corp	10½	10½
Auto Data Pro	65	65½
Avery Dennison	56½	57½
Avon Products	80½	82
Baker Hughes	21½	22
Baltim Gas & El	29	30
Banc One	46	46½
BankAmerica	79	83
Bank of NY	58½	60½
Bankers Tr Crp	99	101½
Bausch & Lomb	46	47½
Baxter Intl	56	57
Bectn Dicknsn	82	83½
Bell Atlantic	41½	41½
BellSouth	68	65½
Best Foods	52½	52½
Black & Decker	52	53
Block (H&R)	41	41½
Boeing	38	39
Boise Cascade	27½	28½
Boston Scien	72	73½
Bristol Myrs Sq	107	109
Browning Ferris	33½	33½
Brunswick	17½	18
Burlington Nthn	94	98
CMS Energy Corp	41½	42
CSX	41½	42½
CBS Corp	30½	31
Campbell Soup	50	50½
Carolina Pwr	39	39
Case Corp	31½	31½
Caterpillar	46	47
Central & SW	25	25½
Champion Intl	38	39½
Chase Manhat	66	68½
Chevron Corp	76½	77
Chrysler	57	58½
Chubb Corp	70½	71
Cigna Corp	64½	64
Citicorp	145½	151½
Clorox	102	104
Coastal Corp	29½	29
Coca Cola	78	80
Coca Cola Ent	28	29½
Colgate-Palm	85½	87
Columbia Energy	53½	52½
ColumbiaHCA	24½	25
Compaq Comp	33½	34½
Comp Ass Intl	36	37
Conagra	27	27
Cons Edison	43½	43½
Cons Nat Gas	49	50
Cooper Inds	46½	46½
Corning Inc	28½	29
C'wide Credit	44	46½
Crestar Finl	60	63
Crown Cork	37	39½
Daimler Bz ADR	98½	100½
Dana Corp	50½	51
Dayton Hudson	48½	47
Deere	42½	42½
Dell Computer	106½	110
Delta Air Lines	115	118
Deluxe Corp	33½	34
Dillard Dept St	33	34½
Disney (Walt)	32½	33½
Dominion Res	40½	40
Donnelley (RR)	40	40
Dover Corp	26½	27
Dow Chemical	89	91½
Dow Jones	53½	53½
Dresser	30½	31
Duke Energy	59½	59
Du Pont	59½	61½
Eastman Chem	56	56
Eastman Kodak	83½	84
Eaton Corp	65½	66½

	Aug 11 midday	Aug 10 close
Edison Int	27½	27½
Elect Data Sys	40½	41½
Emerson Elec	61½	61
Engelhard Corp	20½	20
Enron Corp	49½	49½
Entergy	28	29
Ethyl Corp	5	5½
Exxon	67	68½
FDX Holding	54	55½
FMC Corp	60	61½
FPL Group	60½	60½
Fifth Third Banc	57½	58½
Fleet Finl Grp	75½	79
Fluor Corp	40	41
Ford Motor	50½	51½
Fort James	30½	31½
Fortune Brands	33	34
Franklin Res	40	41½
GTE Corp	49½	49
Gannett	61½	63½
Gap Inc Del	61½	62
Gateway 2000	54	54½
Gen Dynamics	47½	48
Gen Electric	86	87
Gen Mills	60½	61½
Gen Motors	68½	71
Gen Reinsurance	234½	237
Gen Signal	38½	39
Genuine Parts	33	33
Georgia Pac	51	52½
Gillette	48	48
Glaxo Wellc ADR	56	58
Goodrich (BF)	34½	36½
Goodyear Tire	54½	55½
Great Lakes	39	40
Halliburton	30½	31½
Harcourt General	54½	54
Heinz (HJ)	49½	50
Hercules	31½	32½
Hershey Foods	61½	62½
Hewlett Packard	49	51
Hilton Hotels	25½	25
Home Depot	41½	43
Homestake Mng	10	11
Honeywell	80½	82
Household Intl	42½	44½
Houston Inds	27	27
Humana	16½	18
Ikon Office	9½	9
Illinois Tool	52	53
Ilinova	24½	24½
INCO	10½	10
Ingersoll Rand	44	46½
Inland Steel	27½	27½
Intel Corp	84	86½
IBM	126	129
Intl Flav & Fr	41½	41½
Intl Paper	43	44
Johnsn & Jhnsn	72½	74
Kellogg	30½	31½
Kerr-McGee	46½	46
Kimberly-Clark	42½	42
Kmart	17½	18
Knight-Ridder	48½	50
Lilly (Eli)	67	67½
Limited Inc	26½	26
Lincoln Nat	91½	92½
Litton	49	51
Liz Claiborne	34	34
Lockheed Martin	95½	96½
Louisiana Pac	20	20½
Lucent Tech	88	89
MCI Comm	61½	63½
Manpower Inc	24½	25½
Mackintosh Cp	27	27½
Marriott Int A	33	32
Marsh & McLen	59	60
Masco Corp	28½	28½
May Dept St	63½	63
Maytag Corp	42	42½
McDonalds	60½	65½
McGraw Hill	79½	79½
Mead Corp	29	29½
MediaOne Group	46½	48½
Medimmune Corp	19½	21
Medtronic	53½	54½
Mellon Bk	60	63
Merck Inc	124½	126½
Merrill Lynch	85	87½
Microsoft	103½	104
Minnesota Mine	75½	76
Mirage Resorts	20	20
Mobil Corp	64	64½
Monsanto	54½	55
Morgan (JP)	115	120
Motorola Inc	52	53
Mylan Labs	26½	28
Natl Semi	13	14
Natl Service Ind	47	48
Navistar Int	26	27½
NY Times A	31½	31½
Newmont Mng	17	17
Nike B	41	42
NL Industries	23½	24½
Nordstrom	30½	32
Norfolk Sthrn	27½	29½
Nthn State Pwr	26	26½
Norwest Corp	33	35½
Occidental Pet	21½	21½
Office Depot	30	32

	Aug 11 midday	Aug 10 close
Oracle	24½	26½
Oryx Energy Co	15½	16½
Owens Corning	39½	41½
PPG Industries	59½	60
PMI Group	65	65½
PNC Bank	47	48
PP&L Res	23½	23
Paccar Inc	45	47½
Pacificorp	20	20½
PaineWebber	47	44
Pall Corp	20½	20
Parker Hannifin	31½	32
Pecn Energy	29	29½
Penney (JC)	57	57½
Pennzoil	40	40½
Pepsico	34½	35
Pfizer	103	105
Pharm & Upjhn	43½	44
Phelps Dodge	53½	54
Philip Morris	41½	42½
Phillips Pet	41	41½
Pitney Bowes	53	53½
Polaroid	34½	34
Procter & Gmbl	77½	79
Providian	72	74
Pub Serv E & G	33½	34½
Quaker Oats	54½	55
Ralston Purina	28	28
Raychem Corp	29	31½
Raytheon B	52½	53
Reebok Intl	19	19
Reliastar Fin	45½	46½
Reynolds Metals	51½	52½
Rockwell Intl	38½	39½
Rohm & Haas	95½	97
Royal Dutch	46	47
Rubbermaid	30	30
SBC Comms	38	38
Safeco Corp	44½	45½
St Paul's Cos	35	36
Sara Lee Corp	49½	50½
Schering Plough	93	94½
Schlumberger	55½	56½
Seagram	31	33
Sears Roebuck	46	46
Shell Trans	36	35
Sherwin Wlms	29½	30
Silicon Graphics	10	10
Snap-On-Tools	33	33
Southern Co	28	28½
Southtrust	36½	37
Sprint Corp	68½	68½
Stanley Works	42½	42
Starwood H & R	41½	43½
Sun Company	36	37
Sun Microsys	47½	49
Suntrust	65½	67½
Supervalu	46	47
Synovus Fin	20½	21
Sysco Corp	22½	22
TRW Inc	51½	51½
TJX Hldgs	17	17
Tandy Corp	55	56½
Temple Inland	51½	52½
Tenet Healthcare	25½	26½
Tenneco	34½	34½
Texaco	57½	59½
Texas Inst	58	61
Texas Utilities	39	39
Textron	71½	71
Thermo Elect	21½	22½
Time Warner	89	90½
Times-Mirror A	61½	61½
Timken	22	22
Torchmark	39½	40½
Toys R Us	21	21
Transamerica	116	118
Travelers	58	61
Tribune	66	66
Tyco Int	58	60
UST Inc	26½	26
US Bancorp	40½	42
UAL	77	78
Unicom	62½	61
US Inds	17½	17
US West	50½	49
USAirways Group	69½	71
USX Marathon	30	31
Unicom	34	34½
Unilever NV	66½	66½
Union Camp	41	42½
Union Carbide	47	47
Union Pacific	39½	40
Unisys Corp	24½	25½
United Tech	88	90
Unocal Corp	30½	31½
VF Corp	45½	45
Venator Group	12	13
Walgreen	44½	45½
Wal-Mart Stores	62	63
Warner-Lambert	71½	73½
Wells Fargo	326	337
Weyerhaeuser	40½	41
Whirlpool	58½	60
Whitman	19½	20½
Winn Dixie	38	38½
Wisco Corp	22	23½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	85	87½
Xerox	100	102
Xilinx Inc	39½	41½

Cybersurgery finds Britain waking up to the euro


Janet Bush in the Internet 'chat room' yesterday

Barclays Bank pioneered an entirely new form of consciousness-raising about the single currency yesterday. For two hours, Grant Phillips, director of Barclays' Euro Programme, and myself sat in a live Internet "chat room" and answered scores of questions about the euro. As launch date nears, the tone of the debate has clearly changed. Judging by yesterday's cybersurgery, the great ideological questions of whether a single European currency is politically or economically sensible and whether Britain ought to join or not are still simmering and will no doubt boil up again once party conference season gets under way and as the pro and anti camps in business square up to each other.

However, the vast majority of questions yesterday were practical. British businesses are clearly waking up to the fact that many of them will have to deal with the euro, even while Britain stays out. There was even a sense in yesterday's sample of opinion — from nine countries including Russia and India — that a weary "if we can't beat them, join them" attitude towards doing business in euros may be giving way to positive enthusiasm.

Many of the website visitors were keen to find out how easy it will be to bank in euros in Britain. Questions included: "How will I receive and process payments from my French clients next year? How will cheques drawn in euro be cleared? Will the UK clearing banks process them like ordinary sterling cheques? Can I receive existing euroland currency payments into my euro account?"

Another surprising feature of the cybersurgery was an enthusiasm for using euro notes and coins in day-to-day business. If even small British businesses are displaying such open-mindedness, it seems inevitable that the scheduled start for general circulation of the euro in 2002 will come forward. A woman running a museum shop in South Kensington wanted to make purchases easier for tourists by allowing them to pay with euro notes. Several businessmen and women asked when they could start accounting and paying taxes in euros. There are, of course, real concerns. Several visitors to the cybersurgery were clearly in pain because of the strength of sterling and wanted, with a desperate urgency in some cases, to know the unknowable of sterling's rate against the euro. One businessman in the South East complained that, despite record sales, the combined cost of preparing for the introduction of the euro and coping with the Millenium Bug meant that he would be in the red for the first time in years.

A producer of fruit and vegetables, selling largely to British supermarkets, has just started selling some of his produce to Holland and wants to expand this new business. However, he is concerned that the additional banking costs may make exporting to euroland uneconomic. Banking fees came up again (inevitably) in a question from a husband and wife team who have run a translation agency from Berlin for 23 years but are moving the business to England early next year.

They will be billing customers who will pay into an account in Germany and are concerned about the cost of converting euros into sterling. "Until now, the fees for such conversion have been prohibitive: customers of ours have reported charges of up to £30 for a single DM-sterling conversion. For our many small contracts, this would of course be unfeasible."

As far as Barclays is concerned, there are no fees for opening a euro bank account (it has set up 30,000 so far), but its tariff of charges for euro transactions is not published until later this year. Mr Phillips assures potential customers that charges will have to be competitive. Even if the battle for euro banking business has yet to hot up in Britain, banks such as Barclays will have their work cut out to compete with continental banks offering to do euro banking on very fine margins.

Now that people are beginning to talk about the euro and what it means to them, it is not only commercial banks who have some questions to answer. Even with the big policy decision postponed, the Government is going to be faced with a mass of complex and detailed policy changes to adapt to the coming of the euro across the Channel. One can only speculate about how Gordon Brown would have answered one question in yesterday's cybersurgery. "I run a small amusement arcade. Will there be government subsidies to help me to convert my slot machines to the euro?"

The Chancellor may recently have ushered in a new era of relative generosity on public spending but it seems unlikely that this son of the manse will look kindly on this particular proposition.

JANET BUSH

Can sterling remain blameless as the dole queue grows?

Manufacturing is suffering now, but **Carl Mortished** and **Christine Buckley** say the service sector is next in line

What do a worker in a Scottish woollen mill, an engineer in a Tyneside microchip plant and a fitter in a Nottingham munitions plant have in common?

Answer: they have all lost their jobs. Over the past couple of months, people who make things in workshops and factories and sell them abroad have been under threat. Yesterday, BOC announced that its British workforce would be cut by 500 while Royal Ordnance confirmed that 200 jobs would go in Nottingham. The armaments company blamed a worldwide downturn in defence sales, competition from state-subsidised firms, the Asian crisis and the strong pound.

Is there really a common thread linking what are in the end tens of thousands of personal tragedies? Gordon Brown would have you believe not. He blames low productivity in Britain and special factors, such as the Asian crisis. According to the Chancellor, each job loss, the 1,500 who face the immediate axe at Rover, the 1,100 on North Tyneside who will walk out of a microchip plant landing Siemens with a £500 million bill, are all special problems, unrelated to the strength of Britain's currency, and ultimately the Government's economic decisions.

> British exporters have been turned on their heads

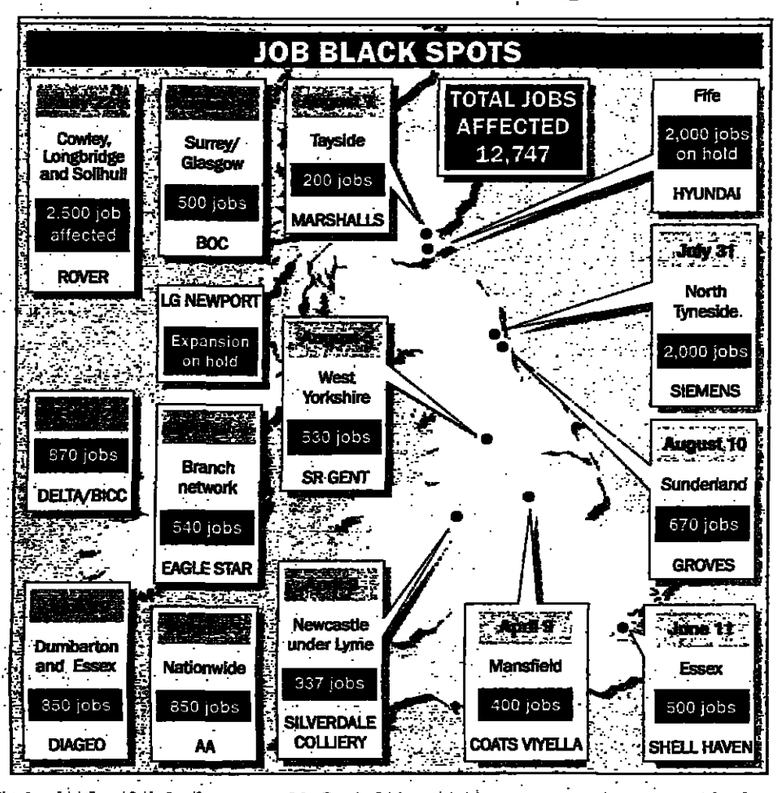
Mr Brown has plenty of ammunition with which to load his argument. The Siemens plant, opened 15 months ago with huge fanfare — a hi-tech phoenix rising out of dying shipyards and mills in the North East — makes memory chips, a business that has seen a colossal growth in capacity and a catastrophic collapse in product price. Since Siemens made its decision to build in Britain, 16-megabyte chips have fallen 95 per cent in value. Siemens bosses pointed the finger directly at the IMF, blaming its bailout of South Korea for allowing its electronics industry to continue suicidal price-cutting.

BOC too can point the finger at the semiconductor industry and the fall in Asian demand for its products. BOC makes vacuum pumps used by chip makers to create sterile manufacturing conditions. Asian electronics companies are cutting back as growth in the market for personal computers and mobile phones slows down. At the same time, the ruinous shrinkage in product pricing continues.

But BOC's other market is industrial gases and it must compete in the UK with foreign competitors such as Air Liquide. The strong pound hurts, as it does for Rover and for Dawson International, which has cut 750 jobs in Scotland because it can no longer afford to pay it workers in expensive pounds while matching prices set by Italian competitors in cheaper Lira.

In the space of three years, British exporters have been turned on their heads. From being price setters, they have become price-takers and profit margins are being shredded. Those companies which are heavily exposed to exporting such as British Steel and ICI face massive shake-ups. British Steel is busy cutting more than 12,000 jobs because of the impact of the strong pound. It is believed that the final toll could be far greater.

The AEEU engineering union has warned that as many as 200,000 manufacturing jobs are at risk if the strength of sterling is not curbed. Many of those jobs will not be easily restored when the economy takes a turn for the better. Those greatly at risk are small-scale engineering businesses which will be forced to go bust rather than downsize.



David Owen, economist at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, reckons the Chancellor might as well point the blame elsewhere as it is too late to undo his first Budget in which he created the inflationary conditions that the Bank of England is now trying to squeeze.

"This is quite damaging. Sterling is as overvalued as it was in 1980-81. The National Account figures show that corporate profits are falling."

Mr Owen says the trade-weighted index for sterling does not give a true picture of the extent of the revaluation. The Bank of England Index suggests a 24 per cent revaluation over the past two years. "It excludes Asian currencies. Our own measure suggests a 50 per cent loss of competitiveness."

Mr Owen does not see a recession as dire as the last in the offing because corporate balance sheets are quite strong. Recent profit warnings from the quoted sector suggest that exporters are taking margin losses on the chin, relying on several years of good profits and debt repayment to cushion the blow. However, Mr Owen expects profits to fall 10 per cent in the current year and it is not just manufacturing jobs we need to worry about.

Two opposing brands of snobbery tend to divide the business world into people who make things and people who provide services. In the real world, they need each other. Figures that suggest manufacturing accounts for just 20 per cent of the economy are highly misleading. Manufacturers have always needed contractors and suppliers. Siemens' Tyneside plant pumped some £50 million into the local economy every year, buying services and supplies from hundreds of local firms. The plant closure will mean an immediate loss of 1,100 jobs but a further thousand probably depend heavily on Siemens for survival. In Rover's case the picture is starker. When the car giant announced the axing of 1,500 existing jobs and more than 1,000 expected ones it also decided to take a large chunk of its components orders overseas. This will have repercussions across the automotive supply industry. It will in time kill off a further 20,000 jobs, industry experts believe.

The knock-on effect of erosion in manufacturing will feed swiftly through to service industries. Businesses are changing — companies that once did everything now do as little as possible, outsourcing every facet of their operations in order to focus on the one product or service they can master. Hence, the rise of the business services sector with companies like Rentokil Initial, Capita Group and EDS who are ready to take over entire divisions of industrial companies. In other words, manufacturing has not been shrinking so much as changing its spots. Mr Owen reckons that over the last decade the potential impact of a decline in manufacturing output on the service sector has doubled.

If the National Accounts show a decline in profits, it is unlikely to be in just one sector of the economy. Many of the businesses that are suffering are commodity-based. These are industries where the UK offers little added value to set off against the loss of margin from a currency hit.

Textile companies are racing offshore in search of cheap labour while even the apparently hi-tech Siemens plant was churning out a commodity product, memory chips. De La Rue, the banknote printer, was forced to shed 375 UK jobs because of vicious price-cutting. Even the best name in the banknote industry found itself chasing low-margin business, better handled by its Asian plant where labour costs can justify low prices.

How many jobs dominoes will fall? It could well hit the financial services sector. As Mr Owen points out, share trading and corporate finance departments depend on growing profits and thriving businesses. "If profits decline, companies will retrench and it is then more difficult for corporate financiers to do deals."

Apparently, no one is entirely safe.

Flexibility is a friend to higher profits

These are the facts: in the next five years, one in five employees will be caring for an elderly relative and the workforce will increase by 1.5 million, of which 85 per cent will be women. One in six working women already looks after a child under the age of 16.

So it cannot be long before companies jettison the outdated culture of long working hours and deferred holidays. The case for greater flexibility is argued passionately by Paul Rupert from Work/Family Directions (WFD), a Boston management consultancy, who is in Britain this week.

With growing numbers of consumers expecting to pay bills, book holidays or buy goods and services by mail order around the clock, Mr Rupert believes few firms can continue to cling to "an archaic 9-to-5 blueprint". He added: "We believe that flexibility in the way a company does business with its customers reflects an understanding of how expectations are changing. When you begin to marry the consumer benefits to labour market advantages - reduced staff turnover and burnout and higher productivity - you begin to understand how powerful an effect flexibility can have on a firm's profits."

Employees are now demanding greater flexibility in working patterns, but Rupert believes it is the new business culture that will ultimately drive the changes.

One of WFD's most persuasive case histories concerns the 145-year-old St Paul Group of Minnesota, the insurance and asset management company. It employs 10,000 staff, including 1,000 in information services. These were approached weekly by headhunters.

Three years after introducing work options, including compressed hours and home-based "troubleshooting", St Paul's information services staff turnover dropped to between 6 and 7 per cent, against an industry average of 15 per cent to 20 per cent.

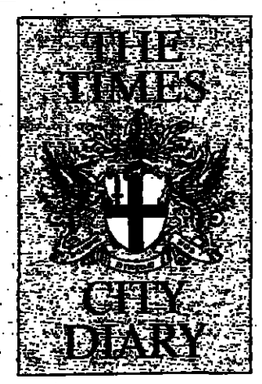
For Deloitte & Touche, a key problem was the rapid turnover of highly qualified women and their slowness in being made partners. In 1993, it launched a programme that included flexitime, a reduced workload and telecommuting. In the five years since, the gender difference in turnover has been eliminated and turnover has dropped 3 per cent in a period that management believes was one of "white-hot competition for talent". The firm calculates that a 1 per cent improvement in the rate of retention at managerial level is worth $5.5 million.

While Deloitte admits flexible working was greeted with scepticism, its "clear business goals" overcame reservations. Such scepticism reflects what Rupert calls the "ghettoising" of the flexibility issue into a "women's problem".

The Times has joined forces with *Management Today* for The Great Work/Life Debate, which will look at helping employees balance work and private life to provide a real competitive advantage. Readers who wish to attend can obtain a 20 per cent reduction in the £399 plus VAT fee by telephoning 0171 413-4116.

VIRGINIA MATTHEWS

Ewe-turn



THE fallout from the Regent Inns profit warning in June, which sent the pub group's shares tumbling, has spread much wider than previously thought.

As a result of Regent's woes, I understand that Clive Watson, its former finance director, has had to cancel plans to become involved with the AIM flotation of Tup Inns, the pub chain founded by Hugh Corbett, who in a previous life invented Slug & Lettuce.

Although Watson has vigorously defended himself against accusations that he was to blame for the accounting glitches behind Regent's warning, it seems he has decided to steer clear of the limelight until the dust settles.

A spokesman for Watson confirms: "He was going to be involved with Tup Inns. But after what has happened he'll probably keep a lower profile for the time being."

A LETTER arrives in the office from Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, which I am told is an American firm of venture capitalists. It is addressed "London E1, United States of America", with the USA line crossed out in biro.

I phone Messrs Clayton Dubilier & Rice to tell them that though there are four Londons in the US, located in the states of Arkansas, Kentucky, Ohio and Texas, as well as one in Ontario, Canada, but The Times is in none of them. The response from the world-weary financiers was "oh dear, oh dear".



"Now, who shall we have talks with today?"

Swing doctor

NIGEL BARNES, a pharmaceutical analyst at Merrill Lynch, has identified a new niche drugs market — high-handicap golfers. It seems Americans who spend most of their time thrashing around in the rough and trees put themselves at risk of contracting Lyme disease, a fast-growing tick-borne infection that can produce arthritis if left untreated. SmithKline Beecham has a new vaccine which Barnes reckons could have annual sales of $500 million by 2005.

Barnes confesses to a handicap of 19, while his colleague James Culverwell plays off 18. "We'd be in the front of the queue for the vaccine," he says.

Royalties

JACK GRUBMAN, the Wall Street telecoms analyst, became known as the "Pied Piper" last year after he arranged the $40 billion WorldCom-MCI deal, thereby blurring the borders between analysing financial statements and acting as an investment banker.

Destroying BT's hopes of taking over MCI earned him $10 million to go with the nickname. And, it emerges, an offer from Goldman Sachs. Trying to beef up its team of analysts before going public, Goldman is said to have offered the "Pied Piper" a package worth $25 million. Not to be outdone, Salomon Smith Barney matched the cash-and-options beer money and persuaded him to stay. And with the new pay deal comes a new nickname. The Magic Flute.

Ellis scores

IT MIGHT have had a poor season, and an even worse stock market performance since its flotation, but Aston Villa has still found it in its heart to give a hefty pay rise to its chairman, Doug Ellis. His total pay for the first year following the float rose nearly two thirds to £204,421.

Mark Ansell, Villa's finance director, tells me the hike included a £35,000 bonus and merely brought Ellis's salary into line with others in the football industry. It is sheer coincidence, no doubt, that Ellis's son, Peter, was on the remuneration committee.

What would have happened if the anti-inflationist Bank of England had allowed its Deputy Governor, Mervyn King, to join Villa's board?

PETER EYLES, the respected head of hotels minnow Hanover International, is in ebullient mood after securing the services of Andrew Page as finance director. Page joins from Inter-Continental Hotels, having once worked for Kleinwort Benson.

What then of David Green, the previous incumbent? "He went off to pursue other interests," says Eyles. And was the parting amicable? "He is suing the company for unfair and wrongful dismissal." Not so amicable, then? "We have responded to his writ and intend to defend it vigorously."

DOMINIC WALSH


Doug Ellis saw his pay climb by nearly two thirds

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UK Safeguard	137.90	146.96	-0.53	..
-do- NAV to Jun 19	137.71	137.71		
UK Equity Safeguard	109.79	117.41†	-0.36	2.02
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US Eqy Safeguard	92.89	98.61	-0.81	..
Cash	951.88	956.64†	...	5.75
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	396.20	421.59	-10.10	..
UK Small Cos	90.13	96.39	-0.66	0.50
FTSE 250 Index	105.98	113.34	-1.38	1.89
Geared UK Index	2335.43	2465.54	-66.00	5.75
Income Funds				
Corp Bd	82.70	85.50	+0.39	6.88
Monthly Inc	44.50	47.56†	-0.37	7.98
International Funds				
American Gen	334.70	354.20	-2.50	..
American Smal	208.22	222.69	-3.11	..
J6 US Index	2431.65	2625.35	..	4.25
European Gen	430.00	455.00	-14.80	
European Smal	188.94	202.08	-5.08	
Japan Gen	91.80	97.10	-1.80	
Asia Pacific	48.47	51.65	-1.04	1.09
Pacific Smal	75.74	80.87	-1.22	
Greater China	115.63	123.86	-2.69	
Latin America	78.13	83.54	-2.91	
Intl Growth	183.70	196.28	-4.18	0.11
Balanced Exempt	174.30	188.60	..	1.70
Global Strategy	45.66	48.82	-1.08	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	910.90	968.70	..	2.19
General Inc	738.80	785.60	..	2.19
UK Growth Acc	625.60	663.70	..	2.13
UK Growth Inc	393.10	418.10	..	2.13
Higher Inc Acc #	1228.00	1308.80	..	4.26
Higher Inc Inc #	621.60	661.20	..	4.26
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	246.50	260.30	..	5.61
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	100.70	105.80	..	5.61
Nth America	476.20	506.50		
Europe	580.80	627.20		0.45
Bal Exmpt	124.90	132.80		2.18
Brit Fndmtls Acc	166.40	177.00		4.26
Brit Fndmtls Inc	105.30	112.00		4.26
Global Opps	130.90	139.20		0.22
Balanced Acc	79.40	84.46		2.19
Balanced Inc	72.04	76.63		2.19
Japan Acc	30.32	32.25		
Pac Basin Acc	217.80	231.60		4.14
AXA SUN LIFE FUND MGRS LTD				
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Discretionary	66.08	70.30	-0.93	
UK Income Inc	82.53	87.80†	-0.06	3.37
Extra Inc Inc #	41.41	43.73†	-0.01	5.75
High Yld Inc	122.30	130.10†	-0.30	3.28
Inc & Gth Inc	114.60	121.60		2.31
UK Smaller Cos	46.21	49.16	-0.05	1.87
Pacific Grth Port	26.24	27.91	-0.16	1.10
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
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Gilts & Fixed Int	150.00	159.20	+0.60	5.59
High Inc Equity	238.30	254.90†	-4.20	4.05
Dividend Bond	281.10	298.80†	-0.48	3.53
American Growth	586.40	628.00	-2.00	0.22
Asian Pacific	149.20	159.60	-4.80	0.78
Assets & Earnings	372.70	398.60	-5.30	2.56
Euro Capital Acc	302.80	323.90	-11.10	0.23
Extra Inc	42.00	44.68†	-0.26	9.36
General	331.60	352.60†	-4.60	2.74
Global Opps	78.75	83.78	-1.79	8.38
Japan	70.20	75.07	-1.19	
Managed Inc	55.38	58.91†	-0.38	4.33
Mastertrust	198.40	210.70	-2.30	7.14
US Emerging Cos	232.40	248.80	-2.00	
Ethical	98.32	104.60	-1.00	1.73
International	153.30	164.00	-2.70	
Dividend & Growth	88.47	94.05	-1.44	3.37
Global Grth & Sec	81.12	86.57	-0.23	2.01
Latin America	59.01	63.11	-1.10	1.06
Capital Reserve	158.30	158.40	+0.30	4.41
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
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M&P UK Growth	119.30	126.80	-2.80	1.68
Equity Income #	168.90	179.60	-4.30	3.57
Extra Income #	325.80	345.90	-4.50	4.55
Smaller Cos	99.07	105.30†	-1.13	2.09
International	141.80	150.80†	-4.30	1.06
ABERDEEN PROLIFIC UT MGRS LTD				
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Asia Opp Acc	364.85	383.27	-4.73	
Asia Pacific	44.36	46.93	-1.19	1.09
Emg Mkts Inc	46.19	48.87†	-1.88	
Ethical Inc	90.08	95.32	-1.66	0.85
Euro Grth Acc	141.97	149.63	-6.72	
Euro Spec Opps Acc	154.72	162.80	-5.61	
Extra Inc Inc	227.16	234.02	-4.30	4.02
Extra Inc Acc	306.72	324.35	-5.86	4.02
FE Emg Econ	54.94	58.13†	-2.07	
Fixed Int Inc #	29.69	31.16†	-0.08	7.63
Frontier Mkt Inc	68.53	72.35	-4.92	
Fund Of Inv Inc #	219.11	231.85	-2.02	8.18
Fund Of Inv Acc	478.63	506.48	-4.41	8.18
Gilt Inc Inc #	51.46	53.64	+0.13	6.38
Global Bond Inc	41.63	43.42	-0.03	4.57
Global Inc Inc	33.76	35.57†	-0.60	3.39
Global Inc Acc	52.75	55.55	-0.93	3.39
High Inc Inc	162.58	172.05	-3.80	3.99
High Inc Acc	219.37	232.04	-5.13	3.99
Japan Inc	136.35	143.67†	-2.90	
Latin Amer Inc	52.09	55.11†	-1.65	0.88
Master Inc Inc	65.95	69.77†	-0.04	2.34
Master Grth Inc	61.73	65.32	+0.05	0.31
North Amer Inc	268.95	281.67	-2.65	
North Amer Acc	269.37	282.01	-2.65	
Prop Share Inc	86.27	91.29†	-0.64	1.08
Special Sit Inc	177.37	187.70	-2.75	1.14
Special Sit Acc	202.08	213.85	-3.13	1.14
Tech Inc	889.82	936.29	-12.51	
Tech Acc	889.82	936.29	-12.51	
UK Blue Chip Inc	120.63	127.29	-3.26	2.39
UK Blue Chip Acc	145.21	153.23	-3.93	2.39
UK Emg Co Inc	85.84	92.80†	-0.43	0.82
UK Grwth Inc	74.06	78.37	-1.71	1.12
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Bond	124.60	132.30†	+0.40	6.26
Brit Smlr Cos	111.30	118.40	-1.20	1.83
Europe	448.30	475.70	-24.00	
Euro Smlr Cos	145.90	156.30	-5.10	0.21
High Income #	73.27	77.95†	-0.92	4.95
Income	438.70	466.70	-7.00	3.61
Japan	257.80	272.60	-5.80	
Latin American	85.58	91.04	-2.44	
Pacific	53.56	58.98	-1.13	1.21
UK Smlr Cos	65.39	69.56	-0.59	0.91
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Income #	742.00	791.50†	-13.20	3.71
Income Builder #	87.01	92.66	-1.31	4.19
Balanced Funds				
Exempt	115.60	122.90	-1.80	1.15
500	353.60	386.20	-7.90	1.80
General	435.90	466.90	-7.60	1.14
Property	279.90	300.30		5.85
Trustee	303.20	324.60†	-5.40	1.31
Growth Funds - UK				
Capital	193.70	207.20†	-3.50	1.27
FTSE 100	141.20	149.90	-2.80	1.49
Smaller Cos	62.40	66.56†	-0.35	1.96
Smaller Cos Acc	76.46	81.55	-0.42	1.96
Growth Funds - Overseas				
America	265.70	280.60	-1.80	
American Growth	178.70	190.30	-1.19	...
Japan	80.55	85.05	-2.18	
Japan Acc	81.48	86.02	-2.21	
Japan Spec Sits	37.97	38.24	-1.07	
Worldwide	229.50	244.10†	-4.80	0.60
Barclays Investment Portfolios				
Managed Income	57.16	52.93	+8.10	6.22
Mgd Grth & Inc #	49.39	52.27	-0.47	5
Managed Growth	50.14	53.44	-1.07	0.60
Barclays Global Investors Funds				
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Income Funds				
Distribution #	133.60	134.20	-1.60	4.84
Equity Income #	181.20	193.20	-3.50	3.74
Gilt & Fx Int	65.62	67.94	+0.13	6.65
Ins Fxd Int	101.90	105.30†	-0.10	4.67
Intl Fxd Int Acc	134.80	139.10	..	4.67
Growth Funds - UK				
UK Growth	568.10	602.30	-8.80	1.18
UK Growth Acc	566.10	602.30	-8.80	1.16
Growth & Inc	572.50	609.00	-9.80	1.29
Growth & Inc Acc	1245	1325	-21.00	1.29
Growth Funds - Overseas				
Euro Growth	295.40	312.60†	-9.60	0.49
Euro Growth Acc	325.40	344.20	-10.60	0.49
Far Eastern Grwth	77.42	82.36	-2.51	0.63
Far East Gth Acc	132.80	141.10	-4.30	0.63
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American Growth	220.50	232.00	-0.89	..
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Eastern	112.40	122.80	-3.60	0.30
Equity Income #	125.50	134.00†	-3.70	3.60
European Growth	647.40	687.80	-31.20	0.40
Europa Select	520.40	557.60	-13.20	0.71
German Growth	171.40	181.50	-7.10	0.50
Global Bond	76.90	80.88†	+0.08	5.10
Global Growth	211.70	224.30	-5.60	0.10
Japan Growth	107.30	113.40	-2.10	
Japan Smaller	78.91	83.23	-1.50	
Korea Trust	21.78	22.63	-0.05	
Portfolio	189.40	201.60	-4.40	1.80
-do- Accum	367.80	391.50	-8.60	1.80
UK Growth	142.50	152.60	-2.30	1.20
UK Smaller Cos	146.40	151.90	-2.20	0.70
Select Managers	101.10	107.80	-1.60	1.60
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	109.00	116.00†	-1.91	
Special Oppor Inc	46.40	49.38†	-3.03	
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	196.39	204.57	-3.80	0.45
-do- Accum	233.05	242.76	-4.51	0.45
Smaller Cos	190.91	198.86	-7.45	0.28
-do- Accum	216.85	225.89	-8.48	0.28
Higher Yield #	76.32	79.50†	-1.11	3.29
-do- Accum #	127.45	132.77	-1.86	3.29
American Gth Inc	161.27	167.93†	+0.38	..
European Growth	261.49	272.39	-6.48	
-do- Accum	267.09	278.22	-6.62	
Mngd Portfolio Inc	64.57	67.26	-0.97	1.35
-do- Accum	67.98	70.81	-1.02	1.35
Intl Spec Opps	223.56	232.88	-3.99	
Pacific Grth	77.83	81.08	-1.50	1.40
UK General #	130.99	136.53†	-2.45	2.25
-do- Accum #	147.20	153.37	-2.75	2.35
Japan	35.91	37.40†	-0.83	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	114.45	118.60	+0.30	6.88
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7218				
Short Dated Gilt	65.41	68.24	+0.12	6.31
C/S UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	244.00	258.20	-3.20	1.31
UK Growth	286.80	303.90†	-4.80	1.45
UK Income	205.30	215.60	-3.30	3.32
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 622 100				
Can Gen Dist	289.80	307.10†	-7.10	1.11
-do- Income Dist	168.30	178.40	-3.60	3.77
-do- Accum	524.10	556.50	-12.30	2.77
Gilt & Fxd Int	44.89	47.18†	+0.12	4.61
Growth Units	348.20	372.10	-8.30	1.55
Bond	198.40	208.60	+0.48	5.49
Intl Growth	248.30	264.30	-7.00	0.12
North American	384.70	397.10†	-3.20	
Far East	122.70	131.20†	-4.30	1.82
UK Smaller Cos	284.00	303.70	-3.00	0.85
European	141.70	151.10†	-8.10	0.42
Japanese Growth	27.21	28.68	-0.30	
High Income	294.50	314.40	-7.00	2.72
Europhoenix Plus	251.46	267.51	-10.43	0.09
Portfolio	180.30	186.80	-2.26	1.12
UK Income Inc	121.39	129.14	-3.34	3.66
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	325.80	344.10	-2.40	
European Inc	156.79	166.58†	-6.20	
Smaller Cos (4-1)	117.00	124.50	-1.20	1.86
Growth	733.90	780.80	-21.80	1.64
Income & Growth #	598.70	637.00†	-17.00	4.26
-do- Accum #	973.80	1036.00	-27.70	4.26
Japan & Gen	44.19	46.70	-0.94	
Natintegh Grwth	1580.90	1657.90†	-38.00	1.12
-do- Accum	2015.00	2099.00	-49.00	1.12
Special Sits	168.00	178.60†	-4.10	1.59
High Yield	1973.00	2035.00	-52.00	3.55
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	119.75	127.37†	-2.88	2.24
American Portfolio	179.60	180.35	-3.15	0.41
European Portfolio	217.51	231.47	-10.81	0.28
High Income	57.48	60.53†	+0.19	6.20
Japanese Portfolio	41.68	44.14†	-0.98	
Pacific Portfolio	83.68	89.06	-2.24	1.57
UK Equity	121.08	129.27	-2.85	2.72
UK Equity & Bd	71.72	76.03	-0.89	4.98
UK Smlr Cos	57.80	61.61	-0.64	1.85
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	1021.23	1036.67	-38.00	3.35
Inv Fd Acc	1071.98	1088.18	-34.66	
Fxd Int Sec Inc	170.81	171.59	+1.03	7.46
Fxd Int Sec Acc	189.78	190.54	+1.15	..
CIM UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 203 5900				
Equity Dist	1345.00	1366.00†	..	2.80
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	998.16	1011.22	..	3.38
Investment Acc	4815.35	4888.83		
Fixed Int Inc	137.15	137.89	..	7.59
Fixed Int Acc	289.13	290.29		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 556 8800				
CF Intl Acc	105.13	111.63	..	5.54
City Fin Fd	34.62	37.41		
Acorn Ethical Tst	204.53	217.59	..	0.56
City Fin Assets	92.36	98.89	..	2.93
City Fin Intl	87.28	92.85		
Friars Hse Cap	395.39	421.69†	..	2.17
Buckley Wrld Gth	139.74	148.12		
Utilities Fd	97.45	99.26	-1.21	2.62
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	41.32	43.64	-0.41	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	113.35	120.60	-0.96	
Dragon Growth	34.36	36.74	-0.94	2.57
Equity High Inc #	128.34	133.69	-3.32	4.01
-do- Accum #	193.20	204.44	-5.08	4.01
Extra Income Inc	29.78	31.35†	+0.06	5.51
Extra Income Acc	35.89	37.78	+0.07	5.51
European Gwth	107.11	113.34	-6.71	
Evergreen	35.97	38.47	-1.27	
General Equity	142.18	151.11	-3.41	2.15
Japan Growth	30.26	32.19	-0.58	
Pettigrew Gwth	92.91	97.68	-1.97	1.54
Ped Sm Cos Inc	45.61	48.15	-0.44	1.42
-do- Accum	49.20	52.06	-0.46	1.42
Retirement Inc #	35.84	38.13	-0.76	4.66
Special Sits	61.08	65.68	-1.08	2.39
UK & Overseas	75.55	79.94	-2.14	0.45
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01534 898 600				
Balanced	86.68	90.29†	-1.42	3.09
Capital	108.16	112.68†	-2.13	1.72
High Income	57.98	60.39†	+0.10	6.31
Top 50	78.77	83.09†	-2.27	1.71
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	247.89	258.04	-4.34	3.93
Long Gilt	54.59	56.82†	+0.12	4.71
Monthly Inc Plus	63.91	66.58	+0.08	6.73
-do- Accum	80.30	83.85	+0.10	6.73
Preference Share	84.37	87.90†	+0.21	5.87
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	182.52	190.14†	-2.18	5.67
Managed Fund	89.48	93.22	-1.33	2.65
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	50.78	52.90	-0.45	1.19
-do- Accum	61.23	63.79	-0.55	1.19
UK & General	129.41	134.82	-2.91	2.07
-do- Accum	174.48	181.77	-3.93	2.07
UK Growth	256.08	266.76	-5.37	1.32
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	359.91	374.95	-14.55	
Far Eastern Gth	73.43	76.50	-1.68	0.44
Global Bond	72.79	75.83	-0.16	5.06
Japan Growth	72.24	75.26	-1.86	
North Amer Gth	349.09	363.67	-2.31	
Oriental Growth	43.91	45.82	-1.11	1.53
Worldwide Growth	89.50	93.32	-2.09	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.37	93.37	+0.02	6.78
Homemaker Fund	107.14	113.69	-2.35	2.02
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Consistent UT	48.14	49.24†		2.68
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 366				
Growth	208.30	221.60	-4.40	1.99
UK Eqty Inc	90.16	95.92†	-2.11	3.48
European Growth	118.00	125.60	-5.39	
UK Spec Sits	231.30	246.10	-4.30	1.48
For Co-op Pension see CIS Unit Trust				
CREDIT SUISSE ASSET MGMT FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
European Inc	105.00	111.40†	-5.60	
Fellowship Tst	130.80	138.20	-1.60	0.87
Income #	361.60	384.60	-8.10	3.59
-do- Accum #	1014.00	1078.00	-23.00	
Smaller Cos	261.76	278.30†	-1.80	0.42
-do- Accum	328.36	349.10	-3.30	
Gilt Portfolio	127.10	135.20†	-2.70	1.12
Mthly Inc Port #	106.40	113.16	-2.30	3.45
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 478 1834				
Global Sm Cos	500.56	500.76		1.67
UK Small Cos	2373.30	2441.80		3.62
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8818				
Disc Inc	283.50	292.20		
DRESDNER RCM FUNDS (UK) LTD				
Dealers:0171 956 7354 Client Helpline:0800 317573				
Formerly KBUT				
Amer Smlr Cos	224.49	238.81	..	
Asian Growth	136.98	144.02	..	0.43
Bond Income	113.33	117.41	...	6.62
European	316.06	336.23		
European Pier	149.14	158.65†	..	0.73
European Special	233.85	248.77†		
Gilt Yield	133.65	141.00	..	6.01
Global Eqy Inc	146.92	155.97†	..	1.24
High Yield #	213.35	226.98†	..	4.18
Japan	262.30	279.04	...	
Japanese Special	128.32	136.51	...	
Money Market	105.91	105.91	..	5.67
North American	175.36	186.49	...	
Smaller Cos	168.28	179.02†	..	0.92
Tomorrows Co Ex	1294.00	1311.80	..	0.12
UK Index Inc	457.34	458.63	..	2.68
Formerly Thornton				
European	535.98	560.27	..	0.33
Europe Bd	40.12	41.75	..	6.01
Exempt	940.03	979.57†	..	1.78
Global Em Mkts	59.88	62.70	..	0.59
Japan Tst	59.75	62.98		
Little Dragons	51.80	54.34		
Oriental Income #	29.77	31.17	..	4.20
Preference	162.25	168.69	..	7.58
Tiger	134.85	141.20		
UK Growth	917.85	960.88	..	1.34
UK Mid-Cap	494.17	517.45	..	1.17
UK Smlr Cos	148.48	155.47	..	0.01
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 098 526				
European	93.89	99.42	-3.88	..
Financial	80.45	85.46	-3.13	1.17
UK Growth #	391.70	416.20†	-7.70	1.80
UK Income #	238.30	253.20	-4.00	3.36
Latin American	26.78	28.43†	-0.88	
Mgd Grth Port	109.20	114.10	-0.10	0.61
Pacific	47.65	50.63	-2.05	
Prof High Inc	27.58	29.37	+0.03	6.70
Tokyo	129.90	138.02	-1.98	
UK Smaller Cos	298.80	317.50	-5.10	1.10
Japan Sm Cos	213.50	225.40	-3.30	
Nth Amer	660.60	698.30	-2.80	..
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Growth Acc	365.60	384.80†	..	
Income	688.50	725.80†	..	4.28
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7361				
Endurance Fd	267.50	284.50	..	0.70
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	145.58	153.24	-4.92	1.32
Ethical Tst	56.83	59.82	-1.55	1.64
Far Eastern	176.20	185.47†	-3.79	2.46
High Income	186.72	198.55	-5.15	3.79
UK Index Tracking	69.55	73.28†	-1.95	2.31
Intl Growth	134.67	141.76	-3.58	1.40
North American	198.44	208.88	-5.61	1.49
Pelican	189.44	199.41	-4.47	2.30
Smaller Cos	77.86	81.75	-1.13	1.94
Special Sits	97.94	103.09	-2.54	2.64
Tst of Inv Tsts	255.21	268.64†	-5.29	1.56
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	173.05	185.73	-4.77	
Fd of Inv Tsts	65.59	69.59†	-1.19	6.11
High Income #	51.65	54.77†	-0.38	8.44
Wkn & Gl Opps	63.70	67.59	-1.53	
Zero Preference	51.71	54.87	-0.08	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 724 570				
Family Asset Tst	136.20	143.60†	-2.40	1.72
Charities Eth	375.20	392.10	-3.60	2.26
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	7.60
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond ‡	28.16	..	-0.02	4.83
Income Funds				
High Income	33.51	35.15†	-0.35	4.47
Income Plus #	187.39	199.10	-4.30	3.64
Moneybuilder Gwth #	43.83	44.14	-0.79	3.04
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	16.81	17.72	-0.66	...
American	554.20	587.80	+1.80	...
Amer Spec Sits	252.70	269.30	-2.50	...
European	363.90	387.00	-16.80	0.27
European Opps	142.80	151.90	-5.50	0.57
Global Ptnr	44.39	47.20	-1.49	0.18
UK Growth	171.20	182.10	-2.60	1.07
Growth & Inc #	248.50	265.30	-4.80	2.99
Intl PEP	68.920	71.160	-1.15	0.97
Japan Spec Sits	55.33	58.46	-1.38	
Japan	135.40	143.10	-2.60	
Managed Intl	492.00	522.80	-7.30	0.57
Moneybuilder Plus	80.60	85.71†	-1.14	0.30
Recovery	69.220	73.600	-1.25	2.50
South E Asia	104.90	111.88†	-3.10	1.07
Special Sits	1015.00	1080.00	-21.00	1.05
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Unit	128.95	128.95	+0.02	7.00
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	174.90	176.30		1.58
Fixed Pref Inc #	117.50	118.40		5.37
Cap Profile	210.30	211.70	-4.90	0.24
General Opps	180.80	182.30		3.26
Growth Inc	50.46	51.13	-0.66	1.06
Private Portfolio	637.70	643.40	..	0.88
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 366 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	251.50	268.10	-7.20	..
High Income	22.71	24.18†	-0.42	9.34
UK Smlr Cos	34.78	37.18†	-0.33	1.85
US Smaller Cos	555.10	590.90	-6.40	
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	128.60	137.20	-0.50	..
-do- Accum	128.80	137.20	-0.50	..
Amer Smlr Cos	768.70	818.80	-11.70	
-do- Accum	785.30	836.50	-12.00	
Capital Tst	452.50	481.40	-3.60	1.26
-do- Accum	675.90	719.00	-5.40	1.26
Cont Smlr Cos	89.69	95.19	-3.33	..
-do- Accum	95.17	102.10	-3.60	..
Convertible	159.00	169.20†	-0.80	5.83
-do- Accum	377.20	401.30†	-2.10	5.83
Emerging Markets	42.37	45.21	-1.54	0.07
-do- Accum	42.69	45.61	-1.54	0.07
European	244.30	259.80	-11.50	
-do- Accum	259.80	275.30	-12.20	
Extra Income	482.80	513.60†	-12.60	3.99
-do- Accum	819.10	871.40†	-21.30	3.99
Financial	286.40	304.70	-9.50	0.39
-do- Accum	307.80	327.40	-10.20	0.39
Gilt Trust	65.65	67.07	+0.22	5.69
-do- Accum	110.10	113.50	+0.49	5.69
Health Fund Inc	254.80	270.90	-1.20	
-do- Accum	254.80	270.90	-1.20	
Income & Growth	279.30	297.00	-7.50	3.05
-do- Accum	470.70	500.70	-12.60	3.05
Intl Growth	511.20	544.10	-13.90	
-do- Accum	567.70	604.10	-15.60	
Japan & Gen	104.80	110.70	-2.40	
-do- Accum	105.80	111.90	-2.40	
Monthly Inc #	245.70	261.40†	-5.80	3.81
-do- Accum #	261.80	278.50†	-6.20	3.81
Managed Port Inc	138.90	145.60	-3.00	1.52
-do- Accum	154.00	162.10	-3.50	1.52
Quarterly Income #	66.60	71.20†	-1.20	4.50
-do- Accum #	83.30	89.14†	-1.44	4.50
UK Growth	83.06	88.36†	-1.85	1.29
-do- Accum	93.10	99.84†	-2.06	1.29
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	92.90	98.59	-0.46	..
FP Am Smllr Cos	221.20	235.90	-1.60	..
FP Asian Growth	114.80	122.40	-3.80	..
FP Australian	373.80	398.70†	-5.70	..
FP Equity Dist	613.30	654.10	-11.20	1.53
-do- Accum	1410.00	1504.00	-26.00	1.53
FP Euro Gth	499.30	532.50	-17.00	..
-do- Accum	547.00	583.40	-18.70	..
FP Intl Bond	58.79	62.21†	-0.04	3.91
FP Intl Gth Dist	48.21	52.49	-1.69	..
-do- Accum	72.54	77.37	-1.54	..
FP Pac Basin Acc	138.60	147.80	-3.20	0.20
FP Income #	78.02	83.22	-1.61	3.99
-do- Accum #	295.30	314.90	-6.10	3.99
FP Jap Smlr Cos	147.90	157.70	-3.10	..
FP Monthly Dist #	92.37	98.52†	-1.19	4.54
FP Stg Deposit	100.80	100.80†	+0.20	6.56
FP Europe	58.63	61.89	-1.38	..
FP UK Focus	57.22	61.03	-1.03	1.13
FP UK Growth	268.90	286.80†	-5.00	1.07
-do- Accum	561.10	598.50	-10.40	1.07
Stewardship Dist	526.80	561.70	-4.10	1.44
-do- Accum	678.80	724.00	-5.30	1.44
Stwdship Inc Dist #	84.15	89.73†	-0.51	4.12
-do- Accum #	125.90	134.20	-0.80	4.12
Stwdship Intern	182.10	194.20†	-2.30	..
-do- Accum	196.50	209.50	-2.50	..
FP Exempt Trust				
Intl Ethical In #	134.40	135.90	-2.00	2.42
Intl Ethical Ac #	139.60	140.30	-2.16	2.42
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	164.90	175.40	+0.10	0.45
Open Cap Gth Acc	161.76	172.00	+0.40	..
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	144.70	153.90†	+0.40	2.93
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	160.80	170.29	+0.40	2.93
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	146.40	155.70	+0.30	3.23
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	165.30	175.80†	+0.30	3.23
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 196/7				
GARDA	394.40	415.20	-5.90	1.12
Cash	49.34	50.08†	+0.07	6.21
Income Portfolio	93.78	98.72†	-1.58	2.58
GA Equity Gth	285.00	303.20	-4.60	0.90
GA European Gth	212.10	225.00	-7.30	
GA Japan Gth	66.27	70.60	-2.07	..
GA Nth Amer Gth	358.20	374.90	-2.58	..
GA Intl Gth	153.00	162.60	-2.90	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smlr Cos	260.10	278.29	-3.60	0.12
European Gth	1109.00	1179.60	-44.00	0.14
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	68.65	72.73	-1.12	2.56
-do- Accum	80.71	85.51	-1.32	2.56
High Yield #	56.32	59.49†	+0.01	6.57
-do- Accum #	69.87	73.81	+0.02	6.57
Income Inc	250.90	268.40	-5.00	3.19
-do- Accum	300.30	321.20	+0.01	3.19
Intl Growth	426.20	451.80	-6.60	1.83
Intl Income	138.40	146.30	-2.10	2.53
Japan Growth	390.10	413.80	-2.50	0.03
Orient Acc	96.08	102.38	-1.89	
UK Blue Chip Inc	269.10	278.28†	-4.80	0.65
UK Blue Chip Acc	474.20	507.20	-8.30	0.65
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	96.21	102.50	-0.20	1.13
US Growth	269.30	286.40	-1.90	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Digs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	74.44	79.43†	-0.94	1.51
Practical Inv Inc #	152.10	162.67	-2.25	2.95
-do- Accum #	379.82	406.22	-5.63	2.95
UK Index	239.00	240.20	-5.85	2.34
UK Smaller Cos	267.56	286.16	-2.40	1.17
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	26.79	27.76†	-0.04	6.81
High Income	46.11	49.17†	-0.85	3.97
UK Growth & Inc	205.54	220.22†	-4.66	2.87
Global Bond	28.10	29.13	-0.05	5.25
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	35.82	38.10	-1.47	
Global Managed	170.54	188.89	-2.16	0.97
Gold & Intl Res	58.21	62.25	-1.22	..
Global Utilities	230.65	245.62	-3.16	1.21
Overseas Funds				
American	274.75	298.69	-2.09	..
European	220.57	234.79	-9.37	0.54
Euro Sel Opps	373.41	397.74†	-16.31	
Amer Emerging	203.36	217.13	-2.38	
Hong Kong	86.98	92.94	-3.04	3.92
Japan	123.11	130.22†	-3.01	
Pacific Growth	113.28	121.05	-3.00	1.63
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Cash Trust	169.09	169.09†	+0.02	7.01
Managed Equity	315.30	318.38†	-7.93	1.41
Long Term Bal	333.07	333.07†	-2.96	2.40
Med Term Bal	278.23	278.23†	-5.44	2.86
UK Equity	404.20	404.20	-8.79	1.19
UK Emerging Cos	187.58	187.58	-7.73	2.10
American	472.93	472.93	-2.73	0.22
Japan	78.75	78.75	-1.81	..
European	568.30	568.30	-20.77	0.76
Index Linked Gilt	231.69	231.82	+0.14	3.28
Fixed Interest	218.12	218.12†	+0.46	6.02
Amer Emerges	455.16	455.16	-5.45	..
Pacific	99.87	99.87	-2.48	2.15
Emerging Mkts	104.94	104.84†	-2.43	1.18
Index Strat Japan	81.61	81.61†	-1.86	0.53
-do- Pacific Rim	85.23	85.23†	-2.62	4.68
-do- Cont Europe	302.11	302.11†	-12.57	1.25
Index Strat USA	295.17	295.17†	-1.73	0.96
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	149.16	158.61	-4.80	..
Med Term Bal	134.23	142.73	-1.77	..
Long Term Bal	150.52	160.13	-3.80	..
UK Equity	186.68	198.61	-6.94	..
UK Emerging Cos	88.82	94.49	-3.90	..
American	219.27	233.27	-2.34	..
Japan	37.49	39.88	-1.14	..
European	237.35	252.49	-11.93	..
Fixed Interest	114.24	121.53	+0.26	..
Index Linked Gilt	103.72	110.33	+0.08	..
Deposit	97.78	103.93	+0.01	..
Broker Unit Trusts				
BMH Intl	180.62	190.13	+0.31	0.45
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Intl Grth Inc ‡	832.41	..	-9.73	0.52
-do- Accum ‡	944.87	..	-11.04	0.52
European Gth Inc ‡	251.80	..	-5.98	0.93
Amalgame Inc	202.27	213.54	-0.26	
N Amer Gwth Inc ‡	620.72	..	-7.10	
Far East Gth Inc ‡	200.92	..	-2.30	0.35
-do- Accum ‡	209.82	..	-2.49	0.35
UK Divid Inc ‡	258.72	..	-0.67	1.32
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 635 5866				
European	919.30	961.00	-33.00	..
Gilt & Fixed	149.60	158.60	+0.30	4.74
Growth Equity	531.60	567.90	-10.46	1.39
Income Trust	203.10	216.90	-4.20	3.64
International	249.20	266.20	-5.70	..
Japan Trust	77.56	82.85†	-2.84	..
Nth American	497.40	529.60	-5.70	..
Pacific	242.60	258.50	-8.80	1.35
Guardhill	773.30	828.10	-15.20	1.32
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
European Bond	102.92	108.84	-0.11	4.11
Global High Inc	92.14	95.60†	-0.39	4.94
Stg Bond Pflo	119.79	122.78	+0.29	5.38
Cash Mgd Pflo	140.82	148.87†	-2.54	4.18
European Pflo	202.01	214.58	-10.50	..
World Mkts Pflo	94.87	100.97	-3.35	..
UK Eq Inc Pflo	188.52	200.45†	-4.94	2.68
-do- Accum	294.45	313.08	-7.25	2.68
UK Opps	520.10	553.00	-11.18	2.26
-do- Accum	641.90	682.50	-13.80	2.26
St Vinc High Inc	160.80	169.49	-2.15	4.86
UK Emerg Cos	290.80	309.10	-3.40	3.60
Inst UK Sm Co	365.30	371.70†	-3.10	4.37
Glob Priv Tst	157.29	167.14	-3.18	2.31
-do- Accum	164.57	174.97	-7.38	1.31
Inc Share Tst	127.97	136.87	-1.86	6.58
HK & China Tst	48.53	51.88	-1.87	2.02
Blue Chip Pflo	324.49	345.02	-7.73	1.11
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Balanced Inc	70.46	74.71†	-1.01	2.33
Balanced Acc	78.74	83.50	-1.12	2.33
Growth	43.02	45.62†	-0.84	1.41
Growth Acc	45.81	48.58	-0.89	1.41
Income	40.22	42.65†	-0.71	3.27
Income Acc	45.54	48.29	-0.81	3.27
Accumulation Tst	35.70	36.76	-0.70	2.55
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 690 239 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Port Acc	58.24	61.79	-0.68	2.46
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 464949 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	470.45	500.38	-13.74	
Best of British	91.50	97.76	-2.28	1.65
UK Smaller Cos	208.13	223.73†	-3.67	0.29
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	395.47	421.17	-9.83	2.51
-do- Accum #	1181.71	1258.51	-28.38	2.51
High Income	445.39	476.10†	-9.25	3.27
Extra Income #	372.68	400.78	-7.14	4.72
Pref & Bond	60.73	63.78†	+0.08	6.49
International				
Ethical	169.54	180.24†	-3.21	1.74
International	381.52	404.07	-8.15	0.34
Global Bond	53.73	56.57	-0.03	5.61
Intl Port Tst	122.81	131.32	-0.71	0.10
Global Tech	325.34	346.25	-5.76	..
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	117.74	125.76	-2.97	1.63
European	1022.92	1084.96	-45.23	
European Income #	148.74	158.56	-5.14	2.35
Euro Smlr Cos	300.72	322.66	-8.84	..
European Value	131.92	140.84	-4.86	..
-do- Accum	142.56	152.19	-5.25	..
Japan Trust	108.62	115.07†	-3.13	..
Japan Smlr Cos	98.83	104.72	-2.22	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	135.43	144.34	-3.44	..
North American	471.44	499.59†	-4.61	..
American Smaller	237.97	253.37	-1.49	..
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0800 530053				
British	169.09	177.06	-3.98	1.57
Capital	252.34	264.23†	-8.74	0.87
Dollar	792.96	798.95	-3.96	
Enterprise Gth	565.99	592.60	-10.28	0.64
European	439.50	460.30†	-17.02	
Far East	133.14	139.42	-3.96	1.74
Financial	1595.16	1607.60	-51.08	1.25
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.41	30.58†	+0.05	5.49
High Yield	145.30	153.19	-3.83	3.85
Income & Growth	218.58	228.85	-5.25	3.46
International	372.41	389.95†	-8.91	0.34
Japanese General	135.05	141.42	-2.27	...
Japan Tech	61.96	64.88	-0.87	..
Nat Resources	49.27	51.59	-0.59	1.24
Portfolio	105.02	109.97	-2.05	2.35
Special Sits	276.41	289.43	-5.85	1.99
UK Emerging Cos	134.80	141.18	-0.96	1.25
US Smaller Cos	182.83	197.45	-1.74	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	838.10	894.50†	-22.10	4.09
UK Growth	932.50	995.19	-20.90	1.25
High Income #	153.70	164.00†	-2.30	5.24
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	905.50	957.00	-5.99	..
European Gwth	256.30	275.60	-11.60	..
Japan Gwth	192.20	204.20	-4.70	..
Japan Smlr Cos	17.86	19.23	-0.56	..
Asian	24.15	25.77	-0.88	0.76
Sing & Malay Gwth	21.58	23.04	-1.25	..
Hong Kong Gwth	85.35	101.60	-2.80	2.89
Global Bond	21.37	22.40†	+0.01	4.55
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	222.60	224.00†	-5.20	2.55
Trade Index	142.20	146.30	-1.40	2.28
THE FOOTSIE FUND	90.44	96.89	-2.35	1.83
Index Funds-International				
American Index	443.60	445.80	-2.70	0.39
Eurotrack 100	310.70	312.30	-13.40	0.75
Japan Index	43.30	43.50	-1.03	0.43
Tiger Index	67.50	68.88	-2.72	2.58
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	50.18	52.41†	-8.51	1.53
General Funds				
Managed Dist	108.50	113.70	-2.70	1.07
Managed	113.00	118.80	-2.90	1.07
Rupert Cptld Fnd	146.60	153.10	-3.40	1.14
UK Growth	86.81	92.75	-2.31	1.11
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	114.10	119.20†	-2.10	4.22
Gilt & Fixed Int #	28.67	30.86†	-0.02	7.09
UK Inc & Gwth	63.33	66.14	-1.73	2.17
UK Income #	500.20	522.40	-13.40	3.16
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	85.08	88.01	-0.51	
Amer Smlr Cos	187.58	195.50†	-1.40	...
-do- Accum	189.50	197.60†	-1.39	..
Europe Gth	445.40	485.20†	-21.70	..
-do- Accum	451.30	491.80†	-22.60	..
Euro Smaller Cos	80.23	83.53	-2.15	..
French Growth	146.30	151.80	-7.00	0.41
-do- Accum	158.40	164.20	-7.70	0.41
H Kong & China	59.97	62.49	-2.27	2.63
Intl Growth	81.89	85.37	-2.48	..
-do- Accum	83.66	87.11	-2.53	..
Japan Gth	17.78	18.51	-0.39	..
-do- Accum	17.78	18.51	-0.39	..
Japan Smaller Cos	19.00	19.83	-0.45	..
Glob Emg Mkts	67.85	70.65†	-3.08	0.05
-do- Accum	68.53	71.57†	-3.12	0.05
SE Asia	131.10	136.90	-4.00	2.12
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	51.88	53.47	+0.02	5.29
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 0870 606 6457 Dealing 0870 606 6407				
UK Income #	150.50	159.30	-3.40	2.68
UK Growth	158.70	167.90	-3.40	0.82
European Gwth	149.20	157.60	-4.60	0.16
Slater Growth	250.30	264.90	-4.19	1.61
New Japan	58.21	61.87	-1.41	..
Global Growth	118.50	125.60	-1.60	..
Monthly Inc #	98.54	103.29†	-0.03	7.49
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	142.20	151.10†	-0.69	
Income #	292.90	311.60†	-4.09	3.69
UK Growth	114.54	121.84†	-1.79	1.44
Intl Growth	104.39	110.84	-2.77	..
Ecology	127.51	136.06	-3.36	0.67
European	305.79	325.01†	..	0.20
Far Eastern	198.50	211.10†	-3.70	
UK Special Sits	74.69	79.66	-1.40	0.29
Fd of Inv Tsc	63.89	68.14	-1.46	
High Income #	66.34	70.75	-1.44	4.52
Financial Opps	74.76	79.74	-1.94	0.50
Growth & Income #	54.28	57.90	-1.20	2.49
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 556 8800				
Bridge Income #	418.51	445.22	-8.83	3.99
Elli Growth	138.14	146.95	-9.77	0.48
Inc & Growth	94.59	100.63†	-3.12	3.09
FTSE 100 Inc	170.30	181.20†	-3.30	1.86
FTSE 100 Acc	183.80	195.40	-3.60	1.86
German Gth	236.00	248.50	-8.50	
-do- Accum	247.50	260.60	-8.90	
Growth Port	837.20	880.70	-15.40	0.19
-do- Accum	881.70	938.00	-16.30	0.19
High Interest Inc	114.30	118.50	+0.20	6.34
High Interest Acc	133.80	138.70	-0.30	6.34
Hi Reserve Inc #	130.70	139.10	-1.50	4.59
Hi Reserve Acc #	154.20	164.10	-1.80	4.59
Income Inc #	745.60	793.50	-13.90	3.27
Income Acc #	2220.00	2362.00	-42.00	3.27
Income Port	714.00	759.60†	-8.70	3.77
-do- Accum	854.80	909.40	-10.50	3.77
Japan Growth	69.83	74.29	-1.30	
-do- Accum	70.07	74.56	-1.31	
Master Trust	82.96	87.30	-1.22	1.22
-do- Accum	97.82	104.10	-1.50	1.22
Millennium Acc	131.50	140.00		1.71
N American Gen	379.30	402.60	-3.70	...
-do- Accum	439.00	467.10	-4.30	...
Nam Sm Co Rec	224.50	238.90	-2.70	...
-do- Accum	229.10	243.80	-2.10	...
Pacific Basin	112.10	119.30	-2.50	1.30
-do- Accum	120.80	128.50	-2.60	1.30
Safety First Acc	119.60	125.90	-0.90	1.27
-do- until 19/3/99 ‡	119.15			
Small Cos Rec	556.10	585.40	-3.60	2.12
-do- Accum	786.40	827.80	-5.00	2.12
UK Eq Gth	223.70	237.60	-4.90	2.17
UK Eq Inc #	176.10	187.40	-3.30	3.26
UK Growth	140.80	149.80†	-2.70	1.54
-do- Accum	181.50	193.10	-3.40	1.54
Worldwide Gth	455.80	484.10†	-9.10	0.19
-do- Accum	673.40	716.40	-13.80	0.19
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
General	148.84	158.69	...	2.10
Income	100.62	108.17	...	3.80
International	89.86	96.41	...	0.50
Tst of Inv Trusts	94.77	101.84	...	0.80
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
American	847.80	893.70†	-7.30	0.83
-do- Accum	815.60	860.30†	-9.10	0.63
Amer Recovery	719.80	760.00	-8.80	0.43
-do- Accum	833.40	879.90	-10.20	0.43
Amer Smlr Cos	165.80	175.00†	-4.30	
-do- Accum	170.40	179.80†	-4.40	
Australasian	171.30	181.20	-4.20	2.47
-do- Accum	221.20	233.80	-5.50	2.47
Blue Chip #	90.80	91.85†	-3.52	3.46
-do- Accum #	282.90	284.45†	-10.60	3.46
British Opps	69.70	73.70	-1.20	2.37
-do- Accum	252.40	268.00	-4.37	2.37
Capital	1122.60	1187.20†	-45.60	2.57
-do- Accum	1483.20	1483.90†	-57.00	2.57
Charifund #	1035.60	1046.20†	-27.88	4.76
-do- Accum #	5888.00	5948.00†	-158.10	4.76
Commodity	277.49	293.30†	-9.10	1.49
-do- Accum	415.30	439.10†	-13.60	1.49
Corporate Bond	30.20	32.26†	+0.12	5.80
Dividend #	55.60	58.80	-1.90	4.19
-do- Accum #	266.30	281.70	-9.10	4.19
Equity Income #	405.60	428.90	-7.70	4.70
-do- Accum #	600.60	635.40	-11.40	4.70
European	981.40	1037.80†	-44.90	0.47
-do- Accum	1270.70	1343.70†	-58.20	0.47
Euro Dividend #	118.10	124.90†	-4.20	2.89
-do- Accum #	158.50	167.70†	-5.60	2.89
Euro Smlr Cos	81.10	85.80	-2.70	...
-do- Accum	81.40	86.10	-2.70	
Extra Income #	590.80	635.30	-20.00	4.66
-do- Accum #	2145.20	2269.70	-71.40	4.66
Fund of Inv Tsts	818.90	866.00	-21.70	0.93
-do- Accum	1673.00	1765.80	-42.70	0.93
Gilt Income	71.31	71.42†	+0.29	5.20
-do- Accum	240.67	249.43†	+0.98	5.20
Gold	30.40	32.10†	-1.00	0.67
-do- Accum	35.80	38.00†	-1.30	0.67
High Interest	25.37	25.37		7.31
Income #	42.50	44.90	-1.30	4.88
-do- Accum #	195.10	206.50	-6.10	4.88
Intl Growth	95.40	100.90†	-3.20	0.79
-do- Accum	170.80	180.70†	-5.70	0.79
International Inc #	133.80	141.50	-4.80	3.82
-do- Accum #	224.50	237.60	-6.80	3.82
Japan	21.00	22.10	-0.70	...
-do- Accum	22.60	23.70	-0.70	...
Japan Smlr Cos	81.10	85.60	-2.10	...
-do- Accum	81.70	86.20	-2.10	...
Managed Gwth @	30.80	30.83†	-0.81	1.43
Managed Income #	36.80	37.06†	-0.80	4.14
Pension Ex	1403.80	1438.10	-44.30	3.00
Recovery	57.80	60.90†	-1.90	2.93
-do- Accum	103.80	109.60†	-3.50	2.93
Smaller Cos	73.60	77.80†	-0.92	1.98
-do- Accum	152.70	160.00†	-1.90	1.98
Sth East Asia	168.20	177.90	-7.90	3.89
-do- Accum	228.40	241.60	-10.70	3.89
Trustee #	54.70	57.80	-1.60	4.34
-do- Accum #	252.00	268.50	-8.30	4.34
UK Equity #	82.68	87.48†	-2.80	3.69
-do- Accum #	228.90	252.00†	-8.32	3.69
UK Growth	1462.30	1546.40	-44.50	1.71
-do- Accum	1667.00	1762.90	-50.80	1.71
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European Growth	165.80	178.25	-7.29	0.39

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Emr Spec Sit Acc	71.75	76.33	-0.40	1.78
Pegasus Growth	56.76	60.40	-0.84	2.14
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	560.80	595.00†	-16.60	1.42
UK Inc/Gth #	597.00	633.40†	-14.60	3.40
UK Income #	421.80	446.10†	-10.70	4.42
UK Income Acc #	443.20	470.30†	-11.10	4.42
UK Sm Cos	352.90	377.40	-2.80	1.88
Stag Gwth	247.20	262.80	-9.80	0.26
N Amer Gwth	160.90	170.20	-1.70	...
Pacific Growth	4.29	4.55	-0.16	0.38
Emg Mkts Gwth	56.55	60.00	-1.29	...
Japan Growth	40.32	42.78	-0.70	
Dealing: 01277 842628				
Gwth Port Inc	86.73	91.72	-0.02	0.51
Gwth Port Acc	88.59	93.69	-0.02	0.50
Inc Port Inc	81.19	85.66†	+0.13	3.17
Inc Port Acc	95.28	100.77†	+0.15	3.01
Warrant Port	67.05	70.91	+0.07	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01222 448412 Dealing: 01222 683512				
Equity Dist @	777.10	777.10	-19.80	1.78
-do- Accum @	1649.00	1649.00	-42.00	1.78
Equity Income #	124.00	124.00†	-3.19	4.06
UK Tactical Allocn @	86.25	86.25†	-2.41	4.46
European @	222.80	222.80†	-9.10	
Far Eastern @	129.10	129.10	-2.30	1.27
Fixed Interest @	61.46	61.64†	+0.39	6.75
Gilt @	192.50	192.50†	+0.39	5.36
Global Growth @	89.75	89.75†	-2.49	0.04
Intl Bond @	48.93	48.93†	-0.06	5.09
Japanese @	49.16	49.16	-0.69	1.83
North American @	322.40	322.40	-1.80	..
Pacific Growth @	54.63	54.63†	-1.19	2.01
Pacific Index @	22.19	22.19	-0.63	4.28
UK Index @	102.70	102.70†	-2.80	2.49
UK Recovery @	145.80	145.80†	-3.10	1.18
UK Smaller Cos @	197.00	197.00†	-1.90	0.82
US Index @	129.00	129.00†	-0.60	0.50
European Index @	144.00	144.00†	-5.70	0.90
Japan Index @	22.21	22.21	-0.51	
Worldwide @	118.60	118.60†	-2.70	1.05
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	73.75	78.67	-1.78	2.13
Income	86.04	92.02†	-1.89	3.22
Far East	23.00	24.59	-0.69	1.05
North American	178.70	190.00	-1.30	...
Global	100.50	107.40	-2.60	0.36
European	163.90	174.80	-7.20	0.27
Japan	56.88	60.61†	-1.41	
Intl Currency Bd	56.92	60.35	-0.10	4.56
SE Asia	39.17	41.89	-1.61	1.77
UK Cap Growth	133.60	142.80	-4.20	1.82
Recovery Trust	98.31	106.20	-1.70	3.20
Managed	81.45	87.10	-1.43	1.37
Cash	51.55	51.55	+0.07	6.50
LLOYDS TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
0345 3002244				
American	472.65	500.15†	-0.84	
-do- Accum	520.60	550.90†	-0.93	
Brit Growth	165.86	175.51	-4.28	1.26
-do- Accum	210.85	223.12	-5.44	1.26
European	198.17	209.70†	-8.86	
-do- Accum	212.26	224.62†	-8.95	
Extra Income #	281.61	298.00	-6.55	3.82
-do- Accum #	544.76	576.47	-12.68	3.82
Smaller Cos	97.99	103.69	-4.68	1.12
-do- Accum	113.38	119.98	-5.29	1.12
General	475.38	503.05†	-11.48	1.60
-do- Accum	1043.10	1106.90†	-25.26	1.60
Premier Income	57.01	59.39†	-0.14	5.27
-do- Accum	157.56	164.14†	+0.36	5.27
High Income #	90.66	95.94†	-1.86	3.66
-do- Accum #	132.95	140.97†	-2.79	3.66
Income #	504.54	533.91	-11.98	3.43
-do- Accum #	1239.76	1311.92	-28.41	3.43
Pacific	198.19	210.78	-5.72	0.69
-do- Accum	209.30	221.48	-6.01	0.69
International	808.07	855.09	-21.38	0.43
-do- Accum	1068.75	1130.96	-28.27	0.43
Intl Income	65.81	69.64	-0.37	3.91
-do- Accum	93.63	99.02	-0.52	3.91
Nat Resources	104.75	110.85	-1.27	0.75
-do- Accum	120.75	127.80	-1.39	0.75
Select Opps	179.51	189.96	-0.95	1.39
-do- Accum	238.28	253.21	-1.24	1.39
Environmental Inv	119.68	126.65	-3.81	0.94
-do- Accum	136.69	144.65	-3.42	0.94
Selector	98.38	101.99	-2.28	1.29
-do- Accum	114.29	120.95	-2.76	1.29
Selector Income	82.80	87.62	-1.35	3.54
-do- Accum	110.38	116.80	-1.80	3.54
UK Growth Inc	87.37	92.48†	-1.09	1.43
-do- Accum	92.95	98.36†	-2.01	1.43
UK Income Inc #	71.39	75.54†	-1.60	3.95
-do- Accum #	83.73	88.60†	-1.88	3.95
Wwide Gth Inc	79.47	84.10†	-2.02	0.27
-do- Accum	80.90	85.61†	-2.05	0.27
Other Unit Trusts within Lloyds TSB group				
Lloyds Bk Unit Tst Mgrs Ltd				
Helpdesk 01634 834339 Dealing 01634 834313				
Balanced	544.63	579.40	-9.50	1.92
-do- Accum	1335.00	1421.00	-23.00	1.92
Contl Euro Gth	123.30	129.80	-3.60	0.03
-do- Accum	133.50	140.86	-3.90	0.03
Extra Inc #	380.70	405.00	-7.50	3.81
Extra Inc Acc #	1113.30	1185.00	-22.00	3.81
Intl Bond	83.53	86.72	-0.13	3.59
Intl Equity Growth	102.80	108.87	-2.68	0.59
N Amer Growth	194.63	206.54	-1.16	0.37
Special Sits Growth	37.71	40.11	-0.59	1.48
UK Growth	609.87	648.90	-1.57	1.94
-do- Accum	865.75	922.07	-14.47	1.94
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01920 825967				
Balanced Fd #	1524.00	1544.20	...	2.70
Income #	1297.70	1318.40†	...	3.90
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	211.90	216.70		3
MANEK INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
0171 615 7070				
Growth Fd Acc	105.90	113.09†	-1.40	...
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Income #	108.69	109.90†	-0.30	6.06
Investment Pflo	220.20	227.06†	-4.60	1.73
-do- Accum	271.40	279.80†	-4.90	1.73
UK Select Pfls	211.30	217.80	-4.76	1.35
-do- Accum	263.80	271.90	-5.90	1.35
UK 100 Cos	164.10	164.10	-3.69	1.75
-do- Accum	171.30	171.30	-3.70	1.75
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 380 080				
Managed Tst	85.40	90.85		3.60
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	102.60	108.90	-2.20	3.67
European	158.60	168.40	-7.40	0.49
Income #	105.10	111.60†	-2.30	3.56
Nth American	106.80	113.20	-1.40	0.20
Far East	107.30	113.90	-2.10	...
Japan	47.32	50.21	-1.03	
Emging Mkts	62.74	67.10	-2.72	0.35
Intl Growth	140.30	148.90	-4.10	0.75
UK Growth	146.60	155.90	-2.80	1.06
UK Smlr Co	65.81	69.01	-0.48	1.56
Asia Pacific	18.74	20.04	-0.56	0.15
Glob Grwth PEP	75.29	79.92	-2.30	0.61
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	115.80	123.29	-1.40	...
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Income	629.35	669.52	-12.28	2.79
Global Inc	98.56	105.94	-2.57	2.30
Brit Leaders Inc	472.51	502.67	-10.85	1.84
Intl Leaders	296.61	315.54	-7.15	0.93
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	424.20	447.00	-0.70	..
-do- Accum	453.60	478.00	-0.80	..
American Opps	145.40	155.40	-1.40	..
-do- Accum	148.30	157.30	-1.50	..
Bal Port	115.40	122.30	-1.40	2.43
-do- Accum	147.30	156.00	-2.00	2.43
British Blue Chip	130.90	138.80	-2.50	2.38
-do- Accum	174.30	185.00	-3.22	2.38
Cash	100.40	100.40†	...	7.20
-do- Accum	162.50	162.50†	...	7.20
Emerging Mkts	92.96	99.56	-4.84	0.31
-do- Accum	94.27	101.40	-4.10	0.31
European Growth	519.80	549.60†	-15.65	0.19
-do- Accum	558.10	590.70†	-16.80	0.10
General	742.50	789.30	-25.30	1.87
-do- Accum	1505.90	1594.00	-31.00	1.87
Global Bond	132.80	139.60	-0.10	4.19
-do- Accum	189.60	198.40	-0.30	4.19
Gold & General	103.40	111.20†	-2.20	...
-do- Accum	107.00	113.10†	-2.20	
Govt Securities	105.20	108.40	+0.300	4.47
-do- Accum	242.50	250.00	+0.600	4.47
High Yield Bd	114.80	117.10	-0.300	5.42
-do- Accum	130.80	135.20	-0.300	5.42
Income	244.80	260.20†	-4.00	3.65
-do- Accum	433.70	460.60†	-8.00	3.65
Inc Portfolio #	136.60	144.90†	-1.50	4.88
-do- Accum #	161.00	170.50†	-1.80	4.88
Intl Opps	532.30	574.70	-17.60	0.75
-do- Accum	585.40	622.60	-24.00	0.75
Japan	117.50	124.90	-3.10	...
-do- Accum	120.60	127.90	-3.30	...
New Europe	336.00	347.70	-8.90	0.53
-do- Accum	343.90	366.80	-9.40	0.53
Pacific	47.58	50.64†	-1.33	0.43
-do- Accum	51.77	55.10†	-1.44	0.43
Recovery	524.90	559.80	-15.90	2.49
-do- Accum	711.90	758.40	-21.50	2.49
UK Smaller Cos	73.50	78.40	+2.500	1.52
-do- Accum	80.25	85.01	+3.910	1.52
Managed Gth	144.90	151.50	-2.30	1.50
Managed Inc	145.20	150.50	-1.70	3.57
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126 Mon-Fri 8am-8pm				
Balanced	84.41	88.39	-1.73	2.15
-do- Accum	98.27	100.80	-2.00	2.15
British Tst	141.60	148.30	-3.40	1.22
-do- Accum	175.80	184.10	-4.30	1.22
Corp Bond Inc	109.80	113.00†	+0.38	5.80
-do- Accum	123.70	128.20†	+0.20	5.80
Extra High Inc #	91.34	95.64†	-1.28	5.61
-do- Accum #	215.30	225.40†	-3.80	5.61
FTSE 100 Acc	98.51	104.30†	-2.70	1.73
FTSE 100 Dist	90.91	94.21†	-2.49	1.73
Gilt & Fxd Int	62.21	64.74	+0.25	5.69
-do- Accum	216.50	225.30	+1.00	5.69
High Yield #	313.50	328.50	-5.30	5.34
-do- Accum #	941.30	985.70	-16.30	5.34
Household Names	134.60	135.30	-2.90	1.18
Income #	422.70	442.10†	-11.10	3.58
-do- Accum #	1056.00	1108.00	-28.60	3.58
Money Market UT	48.29	48.29†	...	6.63
-do- Accum	90.95	90.95†	...	6.63
Monthly Income	124.90	130.70†	-2.20	3.72
Midland Personal Portfolio Unit Trust				
British	183.90	188.60†	-4.60	1.88
European Growth	251.50	265.60†	+3.20	..
Gilt & Fixed	123.70	130.70†	+0.60	4.49
Income	145.10	154.40†	-3.80	3.43
Japan Growth	30.16	31.97†	-0.45	..
Managed	105.60	111.70†	-2.60	2.11
Money Market	97.84	103.70†		6.15
North American	160.60	170.50†	+1.00	...
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	166.70	177.30†	-4.10	1.88
European Growth	235.70	248.60†	+3.00	..
Gilt & Fixed Inc	114.50	121.20†	+0.50	4.49
Income	142.00	151.10†	-3.80	3.43
Japan Growth	30.25	32.07†	-0.44	..
Managed	100.20	106.60†	-2.70	2.11
Money Market	97.84	103.70†		6.15
North American	143.80	152.50†	+0.50	...
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	165.30	175.80†	-4.80	1.88
European Growth	228.60	243.60†	+3.00	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	101.30	107.20†	+0.40	4.51
Income	137.60	146.60†	-3.60	3.44
Japan Growth	30.86	32.71†	-0.45	..
Managed	103.50	110.30†	-2.10	2.10
Money Market	97.58	92.83†		5.74
North American	169.30	180.30†	+0.90	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 545 7474 Enquiries: 0171 545 7171				
American Gwth	691.00	731.80†	-4.50	..
European Gth Inc	801.10	852.20	-39.60	..
-do- Accum	809.80	861.50	-40.00	
UK Equity Inc	283.00	301.50	-5.70	2.48
-do- Accum	405.40	431.50	-8.10	2.48
UK Growth Inc	169.80	182.20†	-3.90	2.28
-do- Accum	178.80	197.70†	-4.00	2.28
UK Intl Trckr Inc	254.60	270.90	-6.20	2.49
-do- Accum	320.20	350.20	-9.10	2.49
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	420.80	448.90†	-2.50	0.72
Asian Tiger	88.13	94.67	-2.92	0.67
Mngd Pfolio Inc	231.40	246.30	-5.20	1.45
Mngd Pfolio Acc	260.40	277.18	-3.60	1.45
Europe	321.10	345.30†	-8.50	..
High Income	20.38	21.78†	-0.48	10.00
Japan Growth	69.97	74.44†	-1.52	..
UK Blue Chip Acc	145.20	154.80	-3.90	1.58
All-Wld Eq Acc	94.41	100.80	-0.69	..
Wld Opps Gth Acc	90.83	96.58	+0.19	1.00
Wld Opps Gth Inc	90.63	96.58	+0.19	1.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 000 933				
American Growth	77.86	79.48†	-0.99	...
Equity Income #	130.50	138.28	-2.10	3.48
European	143.00	149.40	-4.28	..
Smaller Cos	98.42	101.40	-0.10	1.32
Wwide Eqty	94.47	98.25†	-2.17	..
Global Bond	42.09	42.52†	-0.07	4.40
UK Growth	139.80	148.80	-2.20	1.28
Pacific Growth	55.79	57.11†	-1.32	2.17
Japan Growth	79.53	80.78†	-1.70	..
OEICS				
Portfolio Acc A ‡	60.12	...	-0.70	1.95
Portfolio Inc A ‡	49.87	...	-0.71	1.95
Gilt Acc A ‡	52.87	...	+0.17	5.99
Gilt Inc A ‡	51.49	...	+0.16	5.99
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	198.84	211.53	-4.12	1.84
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4290				
Americas Dist	164.80	173.50	-1.30	...
European Dist	246.20	261.30	-10.40	...
Far East Dist	93.81	98.75†	-2.50	
Global Care Dist	115.80	122.70	-2.10	0.88
Gem Dist	1173.20	1234.80	-38.60	
-do- Accum	1528.70	1607.80	-40.10	
UK Dist	561.40	590.90	-13.90	1.10
-do- Accum	1176.30	1238.20	-29.20	1.10
UK Extra Inc Dist	121.60	128.00†	-2.40	3.62
Wwide Dist	131.40	138.30	-4.00	0.11
Wwide Inc Dist	180.40	189.80	-2.30	1.46
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 0870 601 6147 Admin Enq: 0870 603 8188				
Europe Inc	129.23	136.39	-5.87	0.52
Fund of Funds Inc	81.92	86.48†	-1.80	1.08
North America Inc	89.15	94.08	-0.65	
UK Equity Gwth Inc	90.60	95.62	-1.23	1.66
-do- Accum	101.14	106.74	-1.39	1.66
UK General Inc	97.84	103.26	-2.02	1.56
-do- Accum	100.32	105.88	-2.33	1.88
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	51.19	53.62†	+0.11	5.65
UK Income Inc	95.64	99.38†	-1.60	1.69
UK Smlr Cos Inc	148.50	156.73	-1.21	1.35
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	71.93	76.32	-0.98	
-do- Accum	72.49	77.11	-0.99	
Intl Bond	149.12	151.89	+0.08	4.32
Cash Income	50.78	50.78	+0.01	6.74
-do- Accum	75.58	75.58	+0.01	6.74
Challenger	101.11	106.25	-3.19	1.59
Distributor	141.96	151.08†	-3.10	2.07
European	103.58	110.29	-4.45	
Exptl-L Gilt	109.93	110.01	+0.11	2.24
Foundation	138.88	147.58	-2.05	1
Managed Inc	281.49	299.36†	-5.59	1.28
Managed Acc	289.80	308.29†	-5.77	1.28
Growth Inc	181.21	192.77	-3.74	0.85
Growth Acc	190.05	202.18	-3.81	0.85
Higher Income Inc #	45.91	48.83	-1.17	4.22
-do- Accum #	59.27	63.05	-1.51	4.22
High Yield Bond #	102.38	106.82†	+0.23	6.83
Income	387.19	411.90†	-8.44	2.19
International	184.30	191.97	-3.22	1.87
Intl Gth	48.87	51.13	-1.28	
Japan	21.26	22.61†	-0.40	
Oriental Inc	79.05	84.10†	-1.76	0.30
-do- Accum	82.99	87.64†	-1.83	0.30
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	60.36	61.42†	-0.41	5.35
UK Growth	139.20	142.10	...	1.36
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	171.89	180.94	-3.29	1.20
UK Equity	222.75	238.54	-5.82	2.27
UK Equity Income #	200.58	211.14	-5.03	4.51
UK Smaller Cos	175.15	184.37†	-1.23	1.50
UK Equity Growth	204.49	215.25	-5.47	0.65
UK Index Trckg	224.45	236.89	-6.16	2.10
Intl Index Trckg	209.79	221.41	-3.50	0.57
International	331.73	349.19	-8.03	0.63
European	419.57	441.44†	-13.49	0.12
Pan European	242.56	255.42	-7.34	0.88
Nth American	327.71	344.96	-3.27	0.03
N Amer Smlr Cos	374.84	394.57†	-3.95	...
Japanese	60.60	63.68	-1.22	...
Pacific	130.28	137.05	-2.05	2.38
South East Asian	128.69	132.73	-3.74	2.81
Sterling Bond	113.80	119.28†	+0.47	5.42
Intl Bond	123.66	130.17†	-0.84	3.90
Gilt & Convertible	122.47	128.92†	+0.83	5.46
Property	95.69	100.59	+0.07	4.70
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	514.80	551.80	-14.80	0.57
-do- Accum	547.90	587.70	-14.80	0.57
Japan Inc	63.55	67.91	-1.33	...
Nth American Inc	251.80	266.80†	-8.20	...
Worldwide Inc	239.90	254.60	-4.90	...
HK & China Inc	81.86	87.57†	-2.80	3.60
Swiss Equities Inc	145.60	155.40	-5.80	...
Wwide Bond Inc	70.68	74.87	-0.12	7.10
Emging Asia Inc	77.24	83.11	-2.32	3.63
-do- Accum	77.83	83.74	-2.34	3.63
UK Money Mkt Inc	59.18	59.19†	+0.01	6.80
Thaifund Inc	24.29	26.32	-0.81	0.44
Int Mngd PEP Inc	90.63	97.11	-2.19	0.63
Latin Am Cmp Inc	61.93	66.36	-1.55	1.18
UK All Sr Mkt Inc	83.87	89.23	-2.02	2.18
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Blue	98.45	104.70	-0.80	0.42
Global Portfolio	84.38	90.19	+0.04	...
Way Global Red	75.59	80.41	-0.01	...
Marsh Global Gth	69.26	73.46	-0.73	0.78
AMR Brit Gwth Inc	150.40	161.28	-3.40	0.98
Temple Equity Inc	54.68	58.27†	-1.41	2.84
Hartley Growth	169.70	180.50†	-1.20	0.65
TPS Portfolio Inc	118.00	124.90	+0.30	
UFC Growth	78.58	83.59	+0.01	0.22
Chartfield Port of Fds	58.81	62.48		0.12
Ppg Intl Equity	86.85	92.99†	-0.08	0.10
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 688 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	377.80	401.90	-1.80	1.06
-do- Accum	866.40	911.80	-4.10	1.06
Growth	247.90	260.80	-4.20	1.47
Income	360.10	383.00	-7.20	2.46
Intl Equity	344.40	363.30	-4.90	...
-do- Accum	388.80	411.40	-5.50	...
Equity Income #	94.87	100.80†	-1.80	3.64
Equity Growth	129.60	138.00	-2.30	0.98
New Europe	165.20	175.70	-4.00	...
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	825.33	880.39	-21.13	0.32
-do- Accum	833.86	880.50	-21.42	0.32
Income #	805.29	847.57	-16.15	3.20
Wwide Recovery	544.17	582.01	-13.67	0.29
Amer Growth Inc	393.16	417.67	-3.44	...
-do- Accum	393.16	417.67	-3.44	...
Intl Emerging Cos	326.55	349.28	-8.50	0.06
Far East Grth Inc	178.23	189.83	-4.89	1.73
-do- Accum	181.82	194.47	-4.98	1.73
Euro Gwth Inc	368.82	390.06	-11.14	...
-do- Accum	369.30	393.21	-11.17	...
UK Growth Inc	147.81	157.88	-4.70	2.16
-do- Accum	165.29	176.83	-5.36	2.16
High Income #	155.50	167.38†	-3.80	3.56
Jap Gwth Inc	124.39	132.90	-3.20	0.11
-do- Accum	124.39	132.90	-3.20	0.11
PEP Bond	68.86	73.02	...	5.97
PEP Growth	185.40	199.10	-4.97	0.40
Asian Sm Mkts Inc	58.85	59.84	-2.21	0.52
-do- Accum	57.96	61.39	-2.23	0.52
Amer Smlr Co Inc	255.76	272.77	-2.41	...
-do- Accum	255.70	272.77	-2.41	...
Global Bond	54.65	57.94	-0.29	4.59
UK Smaller Cos Inc	126.87	135.70†	-2.23	1.80
-do- Accum	138.12	148.60	-2.44	1.80
Lat Am Gwth Inc	30.86	33.01	-1.95	0.87
-do- Accum	31.36	33.56	-1.05	0.87
World Inc PEP #	50.51	53.46	-1.08	3.60
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0161 201 3927				
American	178.14	189.51	+1.89	...
European	186.41	198.38†	-0.79	...
Global	45.15	48.05	-0.43	...
Pacific	32.36	34.39	-0.44	...
UK Inc & Gth	108.03	112.80	+0.20	1.11
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 6806 Dlg: 0171 588 8880				
Asia	29.97	31.57	-0.11	...
Emerg Mkts	34.31	36.12†	-1.09	0.47
Euro Fund	68.32	71.92†	-0.14	...
Fund of Funds	235.80	248.20†	...	0.62
High Income #	64.78	69.19†	+0.04	5.10
Performance	58.03	61.08	-0.04	...
PREMIER PORTFOLIO MGRS LTD				
01483 466 632				
Dividend	146.70	155.80†	-2.09	3.76
Inc Gth & Inc	323.60	344.80†	-4.80	...
UK & Gen	67.56	72.28	-0.65	0.17
Fund of Funds	85.74	92.37	+0.15	...
Prem Bal Growth	80.20	85.28	+0.15	0.66
Enterprise	131.40	138.30	-1.90	1.70
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	209.84	217.68†	-3.90	1.78
For Prolific UT see Aberdeen Prolific UT				
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing: 0345 406000 Client Enq: 0345 835508				
Managed Tst	48.97	51.71†	-1.32	2.11
Cash Fixed Inc	100.87	100.37†	+0.08	6.52
Cash Fixed Acc	129.25	129.99	+0.02	6.57
Dist Trust Inc	122.84	127.80†	-1.68	4.77
Dist Trust Acc	150.92	160.46	-2.05	4.77
Global Growth	119.75	127.39†	-3.20	0.61
Equity Inc	110.08	117.65†	-2.37	3.62
Equity	1145.72	1218.85	-26.22	1.41
European	423.68	439.05	-15.18	0.31
High Income	111.77	118.90	-1.05	4.62
Intl Gth	242.14	257.60†	-5.70	0.63
Intl Eqs Co	98.61	105.07	-1.30	1.17
Japanese	111.69	115.44	-3.09	
Mgd Income Tst #	51.48	55.24	...	7.36
Nth Amer	327.70	358.00	-1.70	0.76
Pacific Mkts	58.24	63.26†	-2.83	3.15
Pacific Inc	51.51	53.67†	+0.19	6.35
Sm Cos	121.33	128.07	-4.00	1.77
Spec Sits	152.84	167.91†	-3.30	1.74
UK Growth	191.64	203.67†	-5.96	1.46
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 558 8800				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	115.93	123.20	-1.22	2.90
Investment Tst	138.64	147.33	-1.82	0.83
UK Smaller Cos	139.16	138.32†	-1.94	1.62
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	458.50	487.00	-7.20	2.24
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services: 0800 124 314				
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	25.83	26.97	-0.22	...
Cash	48.40	50.41	+0.01	5.52
Emerging Mkts	36.82	38.24	-0.65	...
Europe	102.40	107.70	-0.80	...
Global Fixed Int #	50.52	52.76	+0.02	4.73
Japan	27.36	28.28	-0.32	...
North America	92.33	95.67	+0.52	...
UK	69.16	72.28	-0.55	...
UK Equity Inc #	79.24	82.75	-0.17	2.64
UK Fixed Int #	56.27	58.76	+0.09	6.14
Five Arrows Independently Managed Funds				
Independent Gwth	85.67	89.54	-0.89	
Independent Inc #	65.62	69.12	-0.89	2.46
Five Arrows Global Investment Funds				
A Shares				
Asian Opps ‡	24.96	...	-0.71	0.79
Asia Pacific ‡	25.06	...	-0.65	1.49
Europe ‡	50.87	...	-1.80	...
Japan ‡	35.38	...	-0.91	...
Latin America ‡	38.97	...	-1.00	0.39
North America ‡	53.36	...	-0.36	...
UK Eq Income #	34.94	...	-1.34	3.63
UK Major Cos ‡	58.66	...	-1.31	0.72
UK Smaller Cos ‡	58.42	...	-0.51	1.11
ROYAL & SUN ALLIANCE UT MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0870 601 6183 Dealing: 0870 601 5868				
Royal & Sun Alliance Trusts				
Equity	1521.00	1608.00†	-39.00	1.20
Equity Income #	148.60	157.20	-4.00	3.93
European	278.80	294.40	-12.60	
High Inc Bond	51.25	51.39	+0.06	5.67
Portfolio	144.20	152.60	-3.80	1.22
UK Index Trckg	265.10	280.50	-6.80	2.79
UK Leading Cos	112.20	118.70	-3.20	2.32
UK Smaller Cos	157.70	166.80	-1.80	1.02
Royal Life Trusts				
High Inc Dist	221.80	234.40	-4.20	2.67
Intl Cautionary	74.69	78.58	-0.88	3.65
Intl Growth	97.53	103.30†	-2.20	...
Managed	234.70	248.20†	-5.90	0.45
Pacific Basin	49.86	53.00	-1.10	0.72
United States	188.70	199.60	-1.80	0.27
Sun Alliance Trusts				
Far East	105.60	111.70†	-2.30	1.47
Wwide Bond	57.22	60.13	-0.08	4.93
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 794 480				
American Growth	276.80	293.40†	-0.80	0.86
European Growth	272.40	287.20	-4.70	0.32
Far East Growth	70.08	74.58†	-0.57	2.93
Japan Growth	76.39	81.22	-1.56	0.61
Special Sits	263.20	280.00	-2.50	1.96
UK Growth	140.40	149.30	-1.40	2.04
Intl Growth	351.50	374.00	-4.50	1.51
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	84.86	89.80	-3.26	1.11
Gr Euro Prog Inc	834.80	871.70	-14.70	0.99
-do- Accum	1004.60	1082.00	-23.00	0.99
Growth Inc	198.50	210.10	-4.20	0.99
-do- Accum	204.40	216.30	-4.36	0.99
International Inc	523.70	554.20†	-13.40	0.17
-do- Accum	730.10	772.60†	-18.90	0.17
Nth Am & Intl Inc	515.00	545.00	+9.60	0.63
UK Gen Prog Inc	361.70	382.80	-5.50	1.74
-do- Accum	425.80	450.80	-6.42	1.74
UK High Inc Inc	193.10	206.50†	-4.40	3.46
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
European Gwth	149.37	158.00	-4.37	1.09
Global Bd	62.53	66.02	-0.07	5.00
UK Gwth	132.93	141.14	-0.72	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smlr Cos	179.40	190.60	-1.80	...
Cash	149.70	149.70	...	6.72
China Dragon	35.24	37.49	-0.65	2.26
Commodity	30.72	32.57	-2.08	...
Emerging Mkts	30.42	32.35	-1.57	0.78
European Gwth	380.10	404.40	-18.50	...
Euro Smlr Cos	106.20	113.00	-3.20	...
Euro Income #	70.53	73.69†	-0.90	4.95
Far Eastern	39.47	42.00	-1.16	...
FE Sm Cos	31.45	33.47	-0.82	0.61
Financial Secs	464.20	493.80	-15.90	0.45
Gold & Exploration	27.88	29.45	-0.89	...
Growth	555.60	590.60	-14.90	0.49
High Income	54.38	54.38†	-0.13	6.63
Intl Bond	159.40	169.50	-0.60	4.70
ITF	263.80	283.10	-6.87	0.37
Japan Growth	111.50	118.70	-1.90	...
Japan Smaller	93.52	99.60	-1.80	...
Korea	15.34	16.32	-0.04	...
Latin America	38.61	41.07†	-1.19	0.49
Masterland	70.31	75.70	-1.60	0.72
Premier Eq Gth	237.50	252.80	-5.10	0.84
Premier Eq Inc #	492.30	523.70	-10.70	2.56
SE Asia	20.95	22.29	-0.48	1.02
Southern Africa	31.37	33.37	-2.78	1.05
UK & O'seas	241.30	256.70	-6.20	0.86
UK Eqty Gth	115.70	123.10	-2.70	0.38
UK Eqty Inc #	348.80	370.90†	-9.00	3.71
UK Gilt & Fxd Int #	418.80	442.80†	-8.20	2.52
US Gth Cos	73.70	78.47	+0.54	4.20
US Growth	307.40	328.70	-2.00	...
New Europe ‡	44.28	...	-3.18	...
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cust: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	497.38	526.47	-11.64	0.79
-do- Accum	554.41	585.72	-12.97	0.79
European Gwth	140.69	149.02	-5.82	0.82
Euro Smlr Cos	154.39	164.63	-5.18	0.82
-do- Accum	158.05	168.98	-5.25	0.82
Far Eastern Gth	73.78	78.16†	-1.72	0.37
-do- Accum	67.11	71.59†	-1.75	0.37
Gilt & Fixed Int #	58.72	62.91	+0.27	6.67
Global Bond #	44.17	45.63†	-0.11	5.69
-do- Accum #	58.23	60.19†	-0.15	5.69
Global Emer Mkts	35.59	38.35	-1.38	0.01
-do- Accum	36.08	38.43	-1.39	0.01
Income #	824.70	938.67	-14.82	4.52
-do- Accum #	1875.09	2001.08	-32.88	4.52
Japan Smlr Cos	177.40	189.22†	-3.47	...
-do- Accum	177.75	189.60†	-3.48	...
Japan Enterprise	40.87	43.58	-0.69	...
Pacific Gwth	68.57	73.24†	-1.72	1.40
-do- Accum	72.08	76.98†	-1.81	1.40
Portfolio	113.58	118.77	-1.98	1.82
-do- Accum	127.84	136.98†	-2.26	1.82
Seoul	11.64	12.41	-0.12	0.86
-do- Accum	11.64	12.41	-0.12	0.86
Strategic Inc	117.48	125.14†	-2.05	0.89
Strategic Acc	121.94	129.88†	-2.14	0.89
Tokyo	89.69	95.66	-1.98	...
-do- Accum	90.58	96.62	-1.99	...
UK Enterprise	401.70	426.48†	-12.36	1.44
-do- Accum	515.80	550.28†	-15.90	1.44
UK Equity	394.25	420.80	-8.26	0.76
-do- Accum	808.28	860.84†	-17.33	0.76
UK Smaller Cos	418.29	448.14	-5.87	0.83
-do- Accum	504.91	538.57	-7.08	0.83
US Smlr Cos	325.81	347.53	-11.54	...
-do- Accum	325.81	347.53	-11.54	...
Institutional Funds				
European	458.56	475.33†	-14.86	0.85
-do- Accum	527.00	546.27†	-17.12	0.85
Euro Smlr Cos	49.45	51.51	-1.02	1.14
-do- Accum	54.14	56.40	-1.11	1.14
Global Equity Inc	116.58	120.80	-1.79	0.60
Japan Smlr Cos	18.29	19.05†	-0.35	0.21
-do- Accum	18.59	19.35†	-0.33	0.21
Overseas Equity	237.85	247.02†	-6.65	0.80
-do- Accum	254.02	263.69†	-7.11	0.80
Oseas Smlr Cos	135.37	141.01	-2.46	0.32
-do- Accum	144.85	150.95	-2.74	0.32
Pacific	121.77	128.21	-3.85	3.12
-do- Accum	136.86	143.84	-4.38	3.12
Recovery	2793.75	2910.16†	-48.70	2.82
-do- Accum	3230.74	3365.35†	-47.06	2.82
UK Index	245.82	256.06	-6.19	2.53
-do- Accum	331.22	345.01	-8.34	2.53
UK Small Cos	167.67	174.65	-2.49	2.57
-do- Accum	199.02	208.02	-2.84	2.57
US Smlr Cos	72.68	75.56	-2.80	0.07
-do- Accum	75.12	78.18	-2.78	0.07
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	77.03	81.48	-1.84	1.27
Equity Trust	107.09	113.25	-1.26	1.89
Equity Strategy	108.60	114.64	-1.17	1.89
European Opps	166.11	175.66	-9.80	0.25
UK Smaller Cos	86.60	91.79	-0.04	0.61
Midincm Inc	99.29	105.85	+0.02	5.86
Japanese	42.49	44.93	-1.84	...
Asia Pacific	58.23	61.58	-2.00	1.99
American	184.60	195.03	-1.05	0.35
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	35.47	36.47	...	7.15
UK Eq Gwth Inc	79.61	84.61†	...	2.01
-do- Accum	112.82	120.18†	...	2.01
Intl Income	379.57	404.05	...	3.17
-do- Accum	692.07	723.86	...	1.17
European	173.80	184.65	...	0.79
Japan	45.48	48.07	...	...
American	157.36	166.31	...	0.64
Far East Tst	44.69	47.24†	...	2.07
Ethical Inc	49.89	52.29†	...	1.38
-do- Accum	57.90	61.93†	...	1.38
UK Blue Chip Inc	53.41	56.57†	...	1.98
-do- Accum	67.23	71.72†	...	1.98
UK Equity Inc	59.65	63.61	...	3.88
-do- Accum	91.51	97.61	...	3.05
UK Global Inc	84.81	89.95	...	1.23
-do- Accum	72.80	77.45†	...	1.22
Wwide Tech	112.56	119.80	...	0.92
Europe Tactical	132.33	141.35	...	0.47
Technology	228.31	242.58	...	0.21
Dist Inc	30.53	32.71†	...	4.92
-do- Accum	33.81	35.87†	...	4.92
UK Ext Inc Inc	27.49	29.05	...	6.80
-do- Accum	30.52	32.29	...	6.80
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	677.90	722.20	-16.30	1.74
American	518.50	548.80	-1.40	0.18
Pacific	243.40	260.00	-8.90	0.59
European	966.80	1031.30	-4.60	0.67
Worldwide	104.50	111.00	-2.50	0.31
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	431.40	458.90	-10.40	1.70
-do- Accum	509.80	527.40	-14.20	1.70
UK Sm Co Eq Inc	277.19	294.70	-2.80	2.09
-do- Accum	349.60	371.90	-3.70	2.09
Select Opptys Inc	110.20	117.80	-2.00	1.38
Income Plus Inc	114.30	121.58	-2.70	3.32
European Inc	674.90	715.90†	-29.20	0.65
-do- Accum	793.00	831.70	-33.80	0.65
Far Eastern Inc	85.97	91.45†	-1.80	2.49
-do- Accum	101.00	107.46	-2.20	2.49
Japanese Inc	38.50	40.89†	-0.81	...
Nth American Inc	500.90	531.60	-4.36	0.02
-do- Accum	564.80	588.18	-4.80	0.02
Intl Growth Inc	263.50	278.80	-7.80	0.47
Wwide Venture Inc	115.00	122.50†	-3.40	0.72
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3784				
Equity Inc	581.40	614.20	-8.85	1.75
-do- Accum	917.90	969.80	-10.60	1.75
UK High Inc #	280.60	295.80	-3.40	3.24
-do- Accum #	453.00	478.50	-5.60	3.24
Europa Inc	812.70	856.70	-17.20	0.18
-do- Accum	868.10	915.00	-19.00	0.18
Nth Amer Inc	461.70	487.90	-2.20	...
Global Inc	323.40	341.70	-7.50	0.66
Global Acc	351.10	370.90	-8.20	0.66
UK Spec Sits Inc	763.30	774.80	-2.00	0.59
South East Asia	87.26	92.19	-2.30	1.35
Cash Trust Inc	101.00	101.00	...	6.87
UK Smlr Cos Inc	132.60	138.20	-0.28	2.18
-do- Accum	142.10	150.20	-0.22	2.18
Intl Bond Inc	90.12	94.67	-0.30	3.00
International Smal	97.50	103.20		
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	250.98	264.10†	-8.60	0.14
Nth American	188.58	199.30†	-1.00	...
Intl Bond & Curr	139.90	147.10	+0.20	5.43
Pooled Pension	308.60	329.70	-5.20	1.95
Smaller Cos	147.30	155.00	-0.90	0.80
UK General #	219.50	231.10	-3.40	1.85
Far Eastern	46.76	49.22	-1.55	1.20
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 8226				
Continental	148.20	154.40	-4.30	0.78
Global Gwth	183.29	198.70	-1.80	0.58
Inv Tst Port	70.65	75.80	-1.19	1.68
Managed	1670.01	1752.57†	-16.29	2.00
Pref Inc #	117.70	123.00†	+0.27	6.59
Smaller Cos	305.80	333.70†	-1.16	0.80
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	119.67	...	-1.50	3.29
Sterling Reserve ‡	101.08	...	+0.06	6.74
Corporate Inc ‡	397.20	...	-8.34	6.17
Tai Pan ‡	53.54	...	-1.17	...
Aster ‡	87.14	...	-1.56	...
Amer Gth Fund ‡	194.85	...	-1.42	...
European ‡	234.05	...	-3.76	...
Global Bond ‡	93.15	...	+0.09	6.72
Sentinel ‡	36.95	...	-0.70	...
UK Growth ‡	135.44	...	-2.18	2.76
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	192.87	...	-1.85	2.59
Investment Trust ‡	133.76	...	-2.74	1.62
The Football Fd ‡	79.34	...	-0.60	...
Reserve Bull Up ‡	106.71	...	+0.14	...
Dreek Reserve ‡	100.72	...	-0.38	4.79
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	623.50	659.80	+3.10	...
Capital	184.60	195.38†	-7.20	1.65
Cash	102.25	102.25	+0.06	7.95
European	347.88	361.90	-6.10	0.11
Far Eastern	109.10	115.40	-0.90	0.86
Growth	219.80	232.40†	+0.40	1.18
Income #	185.40	196.10	-1.70	4.33
Midgrow	186.80	197.70†	-1.10	1.85
Smlr Secs	775.50	820.60	+16.98	
Thoroughbred	220.80	233.60†	-1.30	1.18
SOCIETE GENERALE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Broker Desk 0800 783 3004				
UK Growth Acc	89.68	95.68†	-2.96	1.57
Technology	99.37	105.60	-0.40	...
Euro Grth Acc	88.06	93.55	-3.86	...
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0800 73 11 893				
Capital Finance	65.20	67.21	-0.46	6.50
Ethical	94.53	101.18	-1.10	0.77
European Growth	126.70	134.30	-6.50	0.03
Income #	73.95	79.69	-1.61	3.72
Intl Growth	130.30	138.10	-2.70	0.67
Managed	122.18	129.49	-3.70	2.11
UK Growth	83.78	88.80	-2.04	0.94
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 39 38 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	55.67	57.26†	-0.79	1.28
Global Advtg Acc	63.17	63.49	-0.70	1.38
Income Advtg Inc	46.42	46.65	-0.60	3.07
Income Advtg Acc	57.12	57.41	-0.70	3.92
UK Equity Gth Acc	144.78	153.40	-1.30	0.94
Premier Inc Inc	55.74	57.79	+0.18	5.91
Premier Inc Acc	65.78	68.00	+0.10	5.91
Managed Acc	79.66	84.45	-0.90	1.35
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	55.37	58.70	-0.80	3.99
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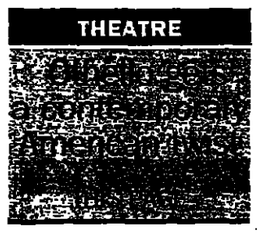
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FESTIVALS: Bizarre opera in Austria; compelling jazz in Brecon; plus theatre and comedy on the Edinburgh Fringe

Money can't buy Salzburg good taste

OPERA

The Salzburg Festival is a big problem, and if it didn't exist I am not sure it would have to be reinvented. It is the city as much as anything that draws one back; not even the hordes of tourists and the shameless commercial exploitation of the composer Salzburg drove out 250 years ago can compromise its beauty. And Austrian charm, skin-deep though cynics say it is, is as potent as cheap or, for that matter, expensive music. Salzburg is a very nice place to be.

Gerard Mortier has done his share of reinvention after the conspicuous consumerism of the Karajan years, making the festival more "serious", and locals feel that the "class", if not the quantity of visitors has declined. That is as maybe: houses are still full, production values rather more 20th century. All the same, had I paid Salzburg prices — £200-plus — for tickets to any of the three operas I saw last week, I would have been slitting my wrists.

To see a giant photograph of Kurt Weill adorning the front of the Grosses Festspielhaus was in itself a sensation: a production of his *Aufstieg und Fall der Stadt Mahagonny* within those holy halls would have been unthinkable even ten years ago. In the event, sadly, the theatre won: I think it's probably beyond the wit of man to stage this piece effectively in that great barn of a place with its wide proscenium and tricky acoustics.

You felt that the sympathetic conductor Dennis Russell Davies was tempering his speeds to the house, trying to ensure that the music could be heard. In general, he and the excellent Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra moved slowly; when they played up to tempo, Weill's tangy bite was lost in reverberant mush.

Peter Zadek's ill-focused production, capitulating to the size of the stage rather than seeking to tame it, was no help. Richard Peduzzi's decor presented a squeaky clean, elegantly lit version of an imaginery America; Norma Moriceau's anodyne costumes were neither here and now nor there and then. *Mahagonny* must surely beat its audience if not challenge them, and here it did neither: the feathers of one of the most eminently challengeable audiences in the world remained unruffled.

Even within the context of epic theatre, characterisation was bland: the villains, led by Gwyneth Jones's smart businesswoman of a Begbick, were underplayed; you couldn't see what, if anything, was driving Jerry Hadley's excellently sung Jimmy Mahoney to invent his version of Thatcherism, and perish by it. Dale Duesing's thoughtful Bill disappeared into the scenery. Catherine Malfitano sang Jenny exquisitely, a true lyric soprano relishing the beauty of Weill's writing for voice. But a *Mahagonny that passes by* pleasantly and upsets nobody can only be said to have failed.

Don Carlos is a likelier work for the Grosses Festspielhaus. The designer-director Herbert Wernicke filled the stage effectively with movable abstract walls and timeless costumes and props. Wernicke's "take" on the piece was to beef up the Mystery Monk (Robert Lloyd), who was definitely Emperor Charles V. We saw him taking early retirement at curtain rise, and he eavesdropped on every scene thereafter.

But he arrived too late to save his grandson at curtain fall: the Grand Inquisitor had already killed Carlos, apparently by twisting his ear rather severely, and Charles V simply strode into the wings, leaving everyone mystified.

The performances were excellent: Sergey Larin sang the title role with eloquent musicianship and without a hint of strain — amazing: Marina Mescheriakova (Elisabeth) floated lovely high pianissimos, sufficiently seductive to make one overlook a comparatively weak patch in the middle of her voice; Dolora Zagick was the best Eboli since Grace Bumbry. The young German bass René Pape, making little attempt to disguise his youth, sang King Philip sonorously; Carlos Alvarez was a good but consistently loud Posa.

All would have been better with a more understanding conductor than Lorin Maazel. Whether he and the Vienna Philharmonic drowned the singers or not seemed to him a matter of complete indifference. He approached Verdi as if through the filter of Mahler on a bad day: every effect overplayed, the most innocent accompaniment figure tweaked and artificially highlit. Scarcely a line was allowed to "sing". This wasn't Verdi.

About Christoph Marthaler's production of *Katya Kabanova* in the small theatre I would prefer not to write: if this is the future, then I want no part of it. It was set in the courtyard of a rundown tenement in Brno today. A scavenger went laboriously through the dustbins, and suddenly started conducting — "ironically" — the love music in Act II. The viola d'amore, used by Janácek because he liked the sound and usually inaudible, was played by a chap in a grubby vest from a window, and remained inaudible.

Kabanicha's bedroom was visible throughout: we saw her tippling, doing her nails, fiddling with her malfunctioning TV, nibbling what looked like a Bounty bar. Kudryash was a yob, not an intellectual, Varvara a scrubber. The lovers spent much time swatting mosquitoes and scratching at earlier bites. Text? Forget it. Janácek reduced to the level of *The Simpsons*.

Sylvain Cambreling's conducting was frankly ordinary, with the Czech Philharmonic's sound ironed out into anonymity. Angela Denoke had a good go at the title role in impossible circumstances. The staging was brilliantly executed, but I thought it the most hateful, destructive re-production of an existing masterpiece that I have ever witnessed.

RODNEY MILNES



Dolora Zagick (left) as Eboli and Marina Mescheriakova as Elisabeth in *Don Carlos*

Still the best place to savour wails

JAZZ

The question rippling through the huge crowd at Brecon was "How does it manage to continue to be Britain's best, brightest and freshest jazz festival?" Fifteen years old, it still has a finger on the international pulse and presents musicians varying from the cutting edge to respected veterans.

The answer comes not simply from imaginative wide-ranging programming, but from the town's willingness to go in for a weekend of total immersion in jazz. For three days it is closed to traffic, and music takes to the streets, to open-air stages and to the more formal indoor venues.

Meanwhile, the townsfolk become stewards, marshals, caterers and even musicians, the international cast being enthusiastically joined by the local Adamant Brass Band, swinging its way through *Men of Harlech* and a youth band, some of its players not yet in their teens, gently syncopating *Alexander's Ragtime Band*.

On the outdoor stages, high points came from two British groups. The award-winning J-Life have played most of the year's major UK festivals, and during the summer their playing has become ever more individual and distinctive, with plenty of daring chances taken by pianist Robert Mitchell and saxophonist Jason Yarde. Singer Julie Dexter seemed momentarily thrown by the open air acoustic, losing her pitch and the plot occasionally in her longer improvised vocals, but pulling it all together in the tightly packed ensembles.

By contrast, in a gentler, more subtle, set of Latin-tinged jazz, vocalist Monica Vasconcelos held her intonation and her audience captive, dancing and twirling her way through a variety of Brazilian pieces. Her nine-piece band Nois is anchored by the writing and keyboard playing of Steve Lodder, and features the outstanding saxophone playing of Ingrid Laubrook, her velvety soprano tone weaving across the polyrhythmic background with a seductive power at odds with her demure appearance.

Like all good festivals, Brecon is full of surprises, including the late addition to the programme of solo pianist Kirk Lightsey. An intense *More Than You Know* and a dazzling *Just One of Those Things*, added footstamps, grunts, and humming to his formidable keyboard energy, and framed a trio of more contemplative pieces including the lilting five-four *Heaven Dance*, and a *coup de théâtre* on his own *Habiba*, played entirely on solo flute.

In the main Market Hall, **Ahmad Jamal** produced his share of surprises, too, in a quartet that included Monty Alexander's old sidekick, steel pans player Othello Molineaux, as well as percussionist Idris Muhammad. In a deft display, Muhammad upstaged most of the festival's other drummers with a mixture of dynamic control and passing rhythms, encompassing the New Orleans "street beat", *urban funk*, and *straightahead* swing.

In stark contrast, drummer Jeff "Tain" Watts, with **Branford Marsalis's** quartet, seemed intent on bludgeoning his kit and the audience into submission. Marsalis himself was on his best jazz behaviour, intent on re-establishing his image as one of the world's finest tenor saxophonists. The quartet gave full-blooded support, with some powerhouse piano from Kenny Kirkland.

The unequivocal highlight of the weekend, though, was trumpeter **Roy Hargrove**. He roared into the spotlight a decade ago while still in his teens, as the most exciting trumpeter on the New York scene. Now he has formed a 16-piece big band in the grand tradition, and from its first high-energy chords it was clear that he has found an ideal platform for his talents as bandleader and soloist. Solos came from saxophonists Teodross Avery and Sherman Irby, trombonist Kuumba Frank Lacy and guitarist Ed Cherry, but what the band had in spades was energy, enthusiasm and a sense of ensemble. The audience, standing, cheering and whistling, could hardly let them go.

ALYN SHIPTON

OJ comes to Edinburgh

THEATRE

On the face of it, comparing O.J. Simpson to the great but flawed Moor (**O.J. Othello**, Assembly Rooms) is a cheap exercise in political correctness. It seems a pretty inept idea, too, given the differences between the two gentlemen's predicaments. After all, Nicole Brown was no chaste Desdemona. Unless the LA Police Department was more sly than even the most paranoid say, there was no Iago on the scene. And O.J. himself notably failed to do what Othello tells us he did to that malignant and turbanned Turk. He did not stab himself to death.

Yet Maarten van Hinte's monologue, with the energetic, versatile Frank Sheppard pacing the stage, blasted my fears out of the water. To say that it added to my understanding not just of Simpson but of a play I have seen 501 times may be a slight exaggeration, but don't we often fail to acknowledge that Othello's bloated rhetoric reflects the insecurity of a man who, as Iago insidiously points out, loves a woman who has married "out of her own clime, complexion and degree"?

That is one of several Shakespearean extracts that Sheppard gives us. Iago and Othello jostle in his head with O.J. the heroic quarterback and the hidden, self-hating Simpson who, like many successful blacks, may feel an amorphous guilt for having allowed mainstream America to tame him.

One voice talks boastfully of the celebs he knew, the wealth and fame he acquired. For the other, he is a "nigga" from a broken home who dumped his first wife for a glamorous masochist who, Desdemona-fashion, found him exotic and "colourless".

Again, the opportunities for clockwork thinking are obvious, but van Hinte refuses to sum up Simpson as a victim of white society or as what black radicals call a "coconut". How are you to define the mindset of a person who was beaten by his homosexual father, wore leg-braces until he was five, ran with a street gang, and ended up throwing majestic parties and buying breast implants for the woman he also jealously abused, his "shining diamond", Nicole? Confused, divided, tortured, dangerous, and Othello-like, that's how.

In John Leerdam's production, America is reduced to a plain podium, some bleak wire screens, and TV monitors showing snippets from the real-life Simpson saga. In Matthew Gray's production of Sam Shepard's **Shaved Splits** (Assembly Rooms) it is a pink-satin bed in what seems to be a Kane-style castle during an uprising by the Californian underclass. Here, Elizabeth Perry's dim Cherry endlessly reads porn provided by a bald dude called Chunky Puke and lets herself be pawed by a silent, half-naked masseur called, oddly, Masseuse.

Shepard's satiric jabs at smug, spoilt America are amusingly over-the-top; but his purpose in introducing a guerrilla bent on murder, as well as an Asian servant who performs oriental dances as savagery threatens, is obscure. My own theory is that his trademark nostalgia for Old Frontiers and lost civilisations is somewhere on the agenda. To be sure of that, though, we need to hear more from Gabriel Kuttner, the guerrilla, than a mad, muddled speech about the wonders of classical jazz and the 1950s.

There is more clarity in **Play on Two Chairs** (Assembly Rooms), even though it consists entirely of Annie Ryan and Michael West, from Dublin's Corn Exchange Company, disporting themselves with sit-upons and words. Now they play bull-and-matador, now they mimic genteel ladies trashing the opposite sex over tea.

The style: inventive. The tone: sophisticated and funny. The subject, as if you hadn't guessed: the unending war between the sexes.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DONALD COOPER



Frank Sheppard (centre) plays the tortured title-role in Maarten van Hinte's *O.J. Othello* at the Assembly Rooms

They'll go far, going too far

COMEDY

There is a limit to quite how far the human imagination will stretch in terms of "offensive" material. There is really only one essential rule: never apologise while you are doing it, even if it means having to quit the building so fast that you leave scorch marks on the linoleum. In Edinburgh **Brendon Burns** (at the Gilded Balloon) discusses cunnilingus to the point where his show begins to sound less like an hour of comedy than his own advertisement on the QVC shopping channel. Considerably more endearing than he probably intends to be, Burns blows the whole thing by constantly apologising for his material.

At the Pleasance (host to all the other acts reviewed here), **Phil Nichol** is on storming form; he plays the devil's guitar, has the face of an angel (kind of), the tongue of a whore and the energy of a toddler on an Irn-Bru binge. Fluttering like a moth to the slow burning charms of the Arkansas inbred, his show is a staccato onslaught of spurious Baptist bedtime stories and aphorisms coined by lap-dancing enthusiasts. Nichol has the measure of what it takes to make an audience really squirm with embarrassment, but he is so fast, so funny and so charming that they squeal with delight, like children allowed to stay up late and watch unsuitable television.

Earlier this year **Tommy Tiernan** appeared on Irish television telling jokes about the Lamb of God running around the field and none of the other lambs liking him because he was a bit snooty. He then had to be locked into the building because 600 people had phoned up in complaint, and viewers had got into their cars and started storming round the building. Blasphemy charges, apologies and front page news were all made. It is well to remember that the most offence one can cause in front of a microphone is not by discussing drugs or sex, but religion. Tiernan's show this year is a sweetly funny and poignant ramble about growing up, getting drunk and telling your dad you love him.

The League Against Tedium is a divine antidote to all this misplaced charm. A narcissist, a solipsist, a man whose supremacy is threatened only by the Atlantic Ocean, the League (Simon Munnery) paces the stage issuing diabolical proclamations: "I am a misogynist, that is to say, I hate you all, and I think you are all women"; and arguing with Beckett and Wittgenstein. Accompanied by the sound of sirens and unfortunately fallible computer graphics, the League pronounces the audience scum, along with most of the great thinkers of the modern world. In terms of format alone, this is more daring than a thousand offensive microphone botherers, and considerably funnier.

HETTIE JUDAH

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

ORLANDO JOPLING



Age: 28

Profession: Conductor, arranger, cellist, lecturer.

Orlando? His sisters are Daisy (violinist) and Jules (violist) and they've played music together since their tender years. But he went to the local grammar school in Colchester.

So he's an Essex boy? Well, more Cambridge ... He was a mover, shaker and heartbreaker at the university in the days of composer Tom Adès and Julian Anderson. Deciding he was "too small, too thin" to make it as a macho cellist, he took to conducting, formed the Cambridge Strings, and went on to the Guildhall to study conducting.

Which led to: Assistant conductor on *Albert Herring* for British Youth Opera, conducted Travelling Opera (*La traviata*), European Chamber Opera (*Die Fledermaus*). Set up his own opera company to put on his ingenious reduced version of *Fledermaus*.

What possessed him? "I spent a year in Vienna — my girlfriend's a Viennese violinist — playing in a chamber orchestra, learning how to perform waltzes in the true Viennese style. For 150 years the Viennese have sat in coffee houses and heard Strauss played by two fiddles, cello and piano. I just decided to push the game further and reduce the whole of *Fledermaus* to this combination."

Who does he most want to be like? Colin Davis, who was so impressed with Jopling that he now insists he prepares the Guildhall orchestra for him. Also a great admirer of the Guildhall's former head of music David Takeno, who "ruined my weekends" by inviting him round to play chamber music into the early hours.

Where's he headed? "The long-term goal is conducting; but I'm happy to get experience at the moment." He'll be conducting the London Soloists Chamber Orchestra at the Queen Elizabeth Hall early next year.

Where can you see his *Die Fledermaus*? The Battersea Arts Centre, SW11 (0171-223 2223), from Aug 20 to Sept 6.

HELEN WALLACE

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A view of Croome Court in Worcestershire, from across the Landscape Park. The mansion, built by Lancelot "Capability" Brown for the 6th Earl of Coventry in 1751-52, has been empty for a decade and is now in a serious state of disrepair

Incapable of saving Capability?

One of Britain's finest Georgian mansions is in jeopardy.

Marcus Binney reports on what can be done to save it

Today the fate of one of the most handsome Georgian mansions in the heart of England will be sealed. Croome Court in Worcestershire, built by Lancelot "Capability" Brown, has been empty for a decade and is now in a serious state of disrepair.

This has happened at the very time when the National Trust has been given £4.9 million by the Heritage Lottery Fund to acquire, preserve and restore the important Capability Brown park around the house. When the Trust took on the 670-acre park, it could have had the house for less than £1 million. Now it is faced with the prospect of the mansion — the focal point of the whole landscape — standing empty and disused while the attached outbuildings are converted to 15 cottages and houses for sale. So concerned has the Trust finally become that it has told Malvern Hills District Council that the planning application before it today will cause "irreparable damage to the integrity of Croome".

Croome is built of beautiful golden Bath stone. The proportions, and the handsome portico, are Palladian but the four corner towers look back to Elizabethan and earlier tradition, proclaiming the ancestral seat of a great family. Brown was working for the 6th Earl of Coventry, a discerning patron who went on to commission magnificent interiors and furniture from Robert Adam.

When the family fell on hard times early this century, Croome attracted the attention of trophy-hunting museums keen to acquire period rooms. The magnificent tapestry room ended up in the Metropolitan Museum in New York, while Adam's library, with its mahogany book fronts, went to the V&A. Yet the remainder of Croome's rich interiors, resplendent with fine panelling and plasterwork, survived years of use, first as a school and later as a Hare Krishna centre.

Croome is an ideal candidate for a "mixed" solution, with the main rooms open to the public and used for events and perhaps a number of National Trust holiday flats created on the upper floor. The sheer size of the outbuildings makes complementary uses essential. The huge quadrangular stable block is a candidate for residential use, as is the red-brick wing linking stables and mansion.

If there is to be a scheme of mixed use, all the elements must be worked out in detail and there must be controls to stop inappropriate developments in the future. And it is precisely here that the present proposal collapses, with everyone seeking to do the easy bits — the stables, the red wing and the park — leaving Brown's mansion on a pocket handkerchief of land, hemmed in by other owners, all of which will make it difficult to find a new use for the most important part of the whole complex in the future.

The current planning application has been submitted by Croome's new owners, Montagne Limited. Under pressure from English Heritage and Chris Smith at the Department for Culture, Montagne has accepted the principle of a so-called Section 106 clause, which requires it to carry out repairs to the mansion (with the help of a large grant from English Heritage) as it converts and sells the other buildings. What has not been detailed is the extent of those repairs.

The National Trust, initially pleased at the Montagne involvement, is now strenuously opposing it because it does not provide a long-term solution for the mansion. No covenants are on offer over the new houses being created at Croome, leaving open the possibility of new owners making a steady stream of small changes which will cumulatively destroy the beauty of the buildings.

The more serious question is whether the National Trust is still a major player in the battle for great endangered houses. The Trust's huge 2.5 million membership depends on the twin appeal of its preservation of landscape (the coastline, the Lake District), and of great country houses and gardens.

In the past decade the Trust's role in a number of key country house battles has not proved helpful. With Elizabethan Pitchford Hall it demanded an altogether excessive endowment, leaving it to Jocelyn Stevens at English Heritage to make a last-minute rescue bid, notoriously rejected by the then new Heritage Department.

Despite a passionate appeal from its architectural adviser, the late Gervase Jackson-Stops, the Trust stood by when the intact contents of Victorian Stokesay Court came up for dispersal. The Trust's role as a preserver of great houses is admired the world over, but at home it is developing a siege mentality.

The National Trust should show leadership by taking a proactive role in recreating the splendour of Brown's house as well as his park. Now that the V&A is reworking its English primary galleries, there is an opportunity to secure the return of Adam's library to Croome — surprisingly, only portions of the Adam bookcases will be incorporated in the revamped galleries. There is a precedent in the V&A's recent return of an Elizabethan panelled room to Sizergh Castle.

English Heritage has been steadily redecorating and refurnishing Chiswick House with tremendous eclat. The National Trust should do the same at Croome. Sooner rather than later it will need visitor facilities for the park at Croome. These must be provided in the house from which the park was designed to be seen. For the Trust later to be forced to seek funds for a spanking new visitors' centre would be the ultimate betrayal.

Protest fails to dampen Rattle's fire

Compared with the great protests of Proms history — Tariq Ali, for instance, leading a march against the Russian orchestra that had the misfortune to be playing at the Albert Hall on the day that Soviet tanks rolled into Prague — Monday's effort was a moronic affair. Barely had **Sir Simon Rattle** and the **Birmingham Contemporary Music Group** begun their late-night Prom than two figures slipped into unoccupied boxes on either side of the Albert Hall, set off shrieking personal alarms, and deposited hundreds of leaflets on the audience below before disappearing into the night.

Such is the nature of avant-garde music that onlookers must initially have wondered *whether the intrusion was* part of the show. Alas, no. The leaflets, erratic in spelling, offered Dave Spart-like conspiracy theories to the effect that Rattle is a "trivial talent" who fulfils the Establishment's need for an "imperial cultural figure", and that modern music in Britain is controlled by a "devious, sleazy cabal".

Well, it's a point of view. Rattle's consummate professionalism in dealing with the interruption, and his superb direction of a highly challenging programme, amply confirmed his talent to be closer to the titanic than the trivial — not that sane music-lovers have ever doubted this.

As for the "cabal" charge, it is true (as this concert demonstrated) that a small group of British composers has been well favoured with commissions, and that their music shares certain characteristics: high energy, extremes of passion, brilliant technical guile and an eclecticism that draws as much on jazz and avant-garde pop as on 20th-century "classical" traditions.

But I personally find all of this exciting and stimulating. So am I, too, part of the "cabal"? Probably. I also shot President Kennedy and run a Colombian drug ring from my office at *The Times*.

The programme certainly offered a crash course in British new music, extending from Oliver Knussen's frantically single-minded *Coursing* (1979), through Mark-Anthony Turnage's bluesy and beautiful elegy *Kai* (Ulrich Heinen the fine cello soloist) and Simon Holt's memorably nightmarish *Lileth*, to Colin Matthews's increasingly lush and smoochy *Through the Glass* and the much admired *Concerto Concciso* written by the composer-pianist Thomas Adès, who is to become BCMG's new director. It was all superbly delivered in trying circumstances.

PROMS



Rattle: superb control of a challenging programme

If only our musical terrorists had struck in the early-evening Prom! We would surely have welcomed some diversion as the **BBC National Orchestra of Wales**, the distinguished cellist **David Gerings** and that stylish conductor **Tadaaki Otaka** laboured long and hard to breathe some life into the Russian composer Sofia Gubaidulina's *And: the feasting at its height*...

Experience teaches one to distrust modern music with peculiar punctuation in its title, and *And: the feasting at its height*... certainly lived down to its silly colon.

It purported to evoke the Last Judgment, but manifestly fell short of this rousing theme, for all its delicately scampering cello harmonics and occasional blares of fanfaring brass and pounding timpani. Insipid in sound, opaque in its direction and meaning, it would have been more honestly titled *Apocalypse Not*.

Elsewhere, however, there was plenty of passion to enjoy: a colourful, swaggering performance of Dukas's *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*; a properly bombastic (if sometimes untuneful) account of Strauss's *Also Sprach Zarathustra* and, best of all, a rare and rewarding resuscitation of Szymanowski's gorgeously decadent song-cycle, Songs of an Infatuated Muezzin. Dripping with mock-Turkish delights, the latter was sensuously delivered by the small but exquisitely turned tenor of Jean-Paul Fouchécourt.

RICHARD MORRISON

If music be the food of education . . .

Do the 'outreach' programmes of orchestras do any good? **Hilary Finch** meets a man with a mission

A decade ago, the classical music world was divided into those who did it and those who did not. Education, outreach, community work: it began as the grubby side of the glamour, graduated into an uneasy balancing act between earnest tokenism and sponsorship-driven self-promotion; and has now become the essential designer accessory for any opera house or orchestra worth its audience. Paul Rissmann, born in 1971 on the Isle of Bute, is about to install the latest model into Glasgow when he takes over as education manager at the Royal Scottish National Orchestra next Monday.

In the two years that Rissmann was cutting his teeth on projects for the Royal Opera and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra I was trawling Britain from Orkney to Sark for *The Times*'s *Young at Art* column, seeing an extraordinary range of practice and malpractice, and wondering for much of the time whether most of these communities weren't better left to their own devices.

The most imaginative work often seemed to be happening just where no external educational programme had stuck its nose in. Could Rissmann persuade me of his *raison d'être*? And, as a highly successful solo, chamber and orchestral saxophonist himself, why on earth did he want to get involved anyway?

Rissmann recalls a concert in his last year at the Royal Academy of Music when he was playing tenor sax in a performance of Ravel's *Bolero*. "I suddenly felt paralysed with boredom. There had been inadequate rehearsal, as usual, *too little stimulus. I wondered* what on earth I was getting out of it. And I felt traumatised. I realised I was in a state of shock. I felt dead inside."

Then Rissmann heard about the performance and communication skills course at the Guildhall School. "It seemed to me the perfect antidote to five years of conservatoire. It made you aware of everything you should be taught as a musician but never are. It taught you about understanding and owning what you are doing — and enabling audiences to do the same."

But ownership too, I suggested, can be suspect. I had watched far too many schemes designed, loftily, to give a festival or an orchestra "back to the community", in which a specially designed project was in reality a patronising lower form of creative life, essentially divorced from the high art going on, as it were, in the "big house" up the road.

Rissmann insists that an education project can never be a secondary performance. "The work may not be as complex as that of, say, the orchestra. But it must be of exactly the same standard." And that, he believes, is most likely to happen when the educational work is repertoire-based — when there is an umbilical link between the work of the community and that of the professional musicians.

Rissmann's own model is that pioneered by Richard McNicol, chief animateur of the London Symphony Orchestra: a composition-based project-scheme which is at the core of the orchestra's own vast complex of educational work. Rissmann has just completed a year as a trainee animateur at the LSO. "What I learnt from Richard was quite simply what an incredible resource mainstream classical music is for educational work." Last spring, McNicol and Rissmann devised a project with 42 West Country schoolchildren, based on Elliott Carter's Symphony of Three Orchestras — a work to be played by the LSO in its main season. "McNicol taught me how to look at a piece, to take it apart, to discover what are its fundamental elements."

The 42 children worked in three groups, creating their own composition from three different Carter techniques: a tone-row, a complex of cross-rhythms, a patterning of intervals. "When they came to the concert, the students suddenly realised that they had been through the same compositional process that Carter went through. And when they performed their own piece at the Barbican for Boulez, who was conducting, he said he preferred their composition to Carter's original."

GILL ALLEN



The RSNO's new animateur, Paul Rissmann, with children from the Young Pleasance

And the McNicol/LSO model sells rather well abroad. This unique recreative model — now almost taken for granted here — is unknown in France, Germany, Scandinavia, Australia, South Africa. And whoever takes a bite of it seems to want more.

Rissmann, who has tracked some of the missionary work himself, says: "I don't think it's too arrogant to say that the whole world is looking to what we are doing in Britain with projects like this." But while McNicol and colleagues are spreading the word throughout Europe and the Antipodes, *Rissmann must now concentrate on matters nearer home.*

"The RSNO is my home orchestra, the first I ever heard as a kid, the first I played with professionally." So no gentle dipping-in of the toe. Rissmann is planning a huge, if controlled, explosion with Stravinsky's *Feux d'artifice*, lighting up a major educational event in the foyer on the opening night of the orchestra's new season in October.

By the end of this month, four schools in Glasgow will be involved in musical fireworks — and then there are plans for long-term projects from Shetland to the Mull of Kintyre. "If you can offer a community a good concert, with really good material of their own based round it, then everyone will be fired to generate more of their own. My job, in the end, is really to make myself redundant."

CONCERTS: A stirring cycle continues in Birmingham, while London hears two male choruses with a difference

Upbeat in Beethoven

Given the choice of just one concert in the five devoted to Sir Simon Rattle's departing survey of the Beethoven symphonies in Symphony Hall — and assuming that Birtwistle's *Triumph of Time* does not recommend itself as the ideal programme partner for the *Choral Symphony* — the combination of the Fourth and the Seventh would have been the one to go for. Both works require, above all and throughout, the interpretative dynamism that has been the most rewarding feature of the cycle so far.

The Fourth, the apotheosis of the upbeat, is always leaning forward, always poised to take the next step, urged on even in the slow movement by impatient rhythms nagging at a melodic line that, for all its serenity, cannot ignore them. Once the Adagio introduction had generated the harmonic tension and accumulated the energy to explode as potently as it did into the Allegro vivace, the symphony was a compulsive, giddy experience of shared risks, near misses, teasing delays and triumphant arrival. Technically, it was not the best of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra's performances in the series, but that was in the nature of an interpretation where caution would have been out of place.

The Seventh, the apotheosis of the dance (to quote Wagner), also requires a sustained momentum and again the clue to the interpretation is in a slow movement that avoids a slow-movement effect. One of Rattle's achievements here was to get the tempo just right, neither old-fashioned funereal nor trendily brisk, but gently, almost elegantly progressive. He had clearly given this movement much thought.

The eerie colouring of violin sound selectively deprived of vibrato was emotionally effective, if historically inconsistent, but the suppression of the main theme immediately on the entry of its counter-melody was surely a denial of what counterpoint is about.

That was a rare miscalculation in an interpretation that otherwise found spontaneity in its concern not for special textural effects but for rhythmic truth. It couldn't deny that much of the last movement is a matter of running on the spot. But when it is done with such lack of inhibition, with trumpets pushed mercilessly to the top of their dynamic range and timpani crashing into the reverberations of the wide-open chambers behind them, the effect is not just exhilarating, it's manic.

GERALD LARNER

Glad to be singing

New York City Gay Men's Chorus

Westminster Hall

This was one of those occasions when to offer the slightest hint of criticism would be to invite a lynching. Members of the New York City Gay Men's Chorus and the Seattle Men's Chorus — around 130 all told — had paid their own way to tour Europe, singing in Paris, Barcelona and, most recently, Amsterdam at the Gay Games, before coming to London for this Benefit Concert in aid of the Terrence Higgins Trust.

It was decorous, apple-pie wholesome to a degree. The singers were in black tie, the conductors in tails.

It also turned out to be the last concert to be conducted by the NYCGMC's founder director Gary Miller, who is retiring after 18 years, which made for a highly emotional finale. This was plainly not the occasion to suggest that the Seattle group offered fuller tone, more disciplined ensemble and a wider range of dynamics.

Nor was it really an occasion to ponder why there should have to be gay men's choruses anyway. Is the Mormon Tabernacle Choir a fair analogy? Maybe not, but these singers came close to matching that ensemble in clarity and roundness of sound, even in acoustics that were noticeably less flattering than those of a Salt Lake City tabernacle.

By their repertory shall thee know them: here were morale-boosting, quasi-workers' songs; folk tunes in Stephen Foster mode (arrangements of three by Aaron Copland were the programme's high points); happy-clappy numbers, ironically in the same style as that of these singers' worst religious fundamentalist enemies; and, perhaps the most difficult, what could be defined as "Broadway Affirmative", the sort of shiny-eyed optimism you encounter at the end of Bernstein and Sondheim shows. The saccharine sentimentality of *When I Fall In Love It Will Be Forever* made the Trapp Family Singers sound like a bag of acid drops.

Unworthily, one relished one or two novelty numbers that injected an element of pizazz, if not good old-fashioned camp, to alleviate the general solemnity, though I could have done without two acute assaults on the *Hallelujah Chorus*. And while the hijacking of Rodgers and Hammerstein is one thing (*When I think of Tom* is given a new dimension), even the most benign homophile might feel queasy about the choirs' borrowing of spirituals and black civil rights music. No, no, it was all warm, generous, life-enhancing and spiritually uplifting, in its way.

RODNEY MILNES

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All about Eve's Bayou

RECOMMENDED TODAY

Guide to arts and entertainment compiled by James Christopher

LONDON

BBC PROMS: Beethoven's most political symphony, *Eroica*, is exhumed afresh with period instruments. Continuing the theme, conductor Heinrich Schiff and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment pair the piece with arias from Gluck's political operas on Greek myths.
Albert Hall (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm. (S)

THE FALL/PENTHOUSE: The inexhaustible, some say insufferable, Mark E Smith leads The Fall into battle once more with a feverish musical delivery that has been depressing and delighting his cult following since the 1970s. Sleazy blues-rock band Penthouse support.
LA2, W1 (0171-434 0403). Tonight, 7pm.

KODO DRUMMERS: The 14-strong Japanese troupe of drummers from Sado island produce thundering drum routines on skins that range from the traditional *taiko* to the 1000lb Giant Drum.
Festival Hall, SE1 (0171-960 4242). *Tonight, 7.30pm. Until August 16.* (S)

LOOT: Joe Orton's celebrated black farce transfers from Chichester after sell-out houses.
Vaudeville, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Opens tonight, 7pm.

ELSEWHERE

ALDEBURGH: Baritone, Christopher Maltman, last year's winner of the Lieder Prize at the Cardiff Singer of the World competition, sings Schubert's tragic and obsessive song cycle, *Winterreise*. He is accompanied on piano by the versatile Graham Johnson.



Meat to the beat. The Kodo Drummers at Festival Hall

Snape Maltings Concert Hall (01728 453543). Tonight, 7.30pm.

EDINBURGH: Notable Fringe Festival openings at the Traverse (0131-228 1404) include controversial playwright Sarah Kane's exploration of *love, loss and desire, Crave* (5.30pm). And the premiere of David Harrower's urban tragi-comedy, *Kill the Old, Torture Their Young* (7pm). At the Pleasance (0131-556 6550), the visionary Simon Mumnery presents The League Against Tedium (8.15pm). And at the Assembly Rooms (0131-226 2428), Sam Shepard's raunchy play, Shaved Splits, makes its European debut. The official Festival opens on August 16 and runs to September 5.

NEW WEST END SHOWS

Jeremy Kingston's choice of theatre showing in London

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☐ **SEA URCHINS:** Aodhan Madden's powerful play about sexual fear and queerbashing in an Irish seaside town. *A smash hit at Dublin's Abbey* Theatre and soon due as a Cahal Black movie.
Grace at the Latchmere, SW11 (0171-233 3549). *Until August 29.*

☐ **CLOSER THAN EVER:** The satirical Richard Maltby/David Shire musical, set in a New York subway train. Cast includes Helen Hobson and Beverley Klein. Matthew White directs.
Jermyn Street, SW1 (0171-287 2875).

◪ **ROOM AT THE TOP:** Lumpy production of the John Braine novel on social climbing in the 1950s. Roy Marsden directs stage premiere with Simon Lenagan as the upwardly mobile Joe Lampton.
King's Head, N1 (0171-226 1916). +

◪ **AFTER DARWIN:** Timberlake Wertenbaker's excellent play, casting light on moralities old and new. Lindsay Posner directs Jason Watkins as Darwin and Michael Feast as Captain Fitzroy of the *Beagle*.
Hampstead Theatre, NW3 (0171-722 9301)

■ **OKLAHOMA!:** The well-known musical stars Josefina Gabrielle, Hugh Jackman and Maureen Lipman as Aunt Eller. Trevor Nunn directs.
National Theatre (Olivier), SE1 (0171-452 3000). Until October 3. *

◪ **SUGAR SUGAR:** Simon Bent's new Scarborough sex drama, short on plot but bursting with character.
Bush, W12 (0181-743 3388).

◪ **WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND:** Lloyd-Webber's new musical, relocated to America's Bible Belt, divided the critics but audiences are happy. Stars Marcus Lovett and Lottie Mayor. Gale Edwards directs.
Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003).

☐ **DOCTOR DOLITTLE:** Phillip Schofield plays the man who can talk to animals (including *pushmipulyus*) in the Leslie Bricusse musical.
Labatt's Apollo, W6 (0171-416 6045).

FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE

Geoff Brown's choice of the best movies

NEW RELEASES

THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD (U): Errol Flynn leaps through Sherwood Forest in Hollywood's evergreen swashbuckler of 1938. With Olivia de Havilland, Basil Rathbone, *and Claude Rains.* Directors, Michael Curtiz and William Keighley.

ARMAGEDDON (12): Oil driller Bruce Willis and his roughneck crew strike out into space to save the world. Absurdly childish, and enjoyable, blockbuster. With Billy Bob Thornton, Ben Affleck, and Liv Tyler. Director, Michael Bay.

TO HAVE & TO HOLD (18): Obsessive love in Papua New Guinea. Melodramatic tale told with lashings of high style and serious intent. With Tcheky Karyo and Rachel Griffiths. Director, John Hillcoat.

THE TRAVELLER (no certificate): Young Iranian football fan sets off for the season's big match. British premiere of Iranian master Abbas Kiarostami's typically observant first feature, made in 1974.

ZERO EFFECT (15): Off-beat, overly artificial detective thriller, with Bill Pullman as an eccentric private eye pursuing a blackmailing case. With Ben Stiller, Kim Dickens, and Ryan O'Neal. Director, Jake Kasdan.

CURRENT

DOCTOR DOLITTLE (PG): Doctor Eddie Murphy finds a new lease of life talking to the animals. Rude family comedy, a long way from Hugh Lofting's stories. Director, Betty Thomas.

LOST IN SPACE (PG): Adventures in space with the Robinson family. Bloated sci-fi blockbuster from the camp TV series of the 1960s, with William Hurt and Gary Oldman. Director, Stephen Hopkins.

MONK DAWSON (18): Catholic priest has conscience troubles. Old-hat movie from a young British director, Tom Waller, based on Piers Paul Read's novel. With John Michie, Paula Hamilton, Martin Kemp.

PSYCHO (15): Janet Leigh checks into the Bates Motel, but does she check out? Re-release of Hitchcock's audacious thriller, still frightening after shower-goers after 38 years.

THE CASTLE (15): Disarming, off-beat Australian comedy about a family fighting the compulsory purchase of their house. With Michael Caton; director, Rob Sitch.

The ghetto blasters

Black cinema finally comes of age with the new film *Eve's Bayou*, says **Carol Allen**



Samuel L. Jackson, who jumped at the chance to play a sexy role in Eve's Bayou, which he also produced

If your dominant image of black films is the "hood" movie — gangs and guns, drugs and deprivation, rap music and four-letter words — then *Eve's Bayou* will be a revelation. This languorously sensual tale of a wealthy middle-class Louisiana family in the early Sixties, reminiscent of the decaying glamour of Tennessee Williams, is light years away from the ghetto.

The story is told through the eyes of a ten-year-old girl, who believes she has put a voodoo curse on her father, played by Samuel L. Jackson, a doctor whose weakness is his inability to stay faithful to the wife he adores. Jackson, who was attracted by the opportunity to play the sort of sexy role he is normally not offered, also acted as producer on the film. It marks the directorial debut of the actress Kasi Lemmons, who decided to take a break from a successful but unsatisfying career, which seemed to consist largely of "heroine's *black best friend" roles in such films as Silence of the Lambs* and *Candyman*, to write this story, which had been gestating in her head for some time.

"I didn't have an agenda to make a groundbreaking and different kind of African-American movie," she says. "I did, though, think it was deeply original in that I hadn't really seen anything like it." Lemmons drew on her own roots for the film's ambience. Like the characters in the film, her family comes from a professional middle-class background in the Deep South. Her mother worked as a counsellor, her father was a teacher, her grandmother was a classical violinist, while her landowner grandfather invented the clock radio.

"My parents and the families around us were very glamorous and I was trying to reflect in the film the way adults looked to me as a child," she explains. "My parents would throw these parties and my mother would just be resplendent, so beautiful. If I look back at photos of the time, this was true of a lot of other people's parents too, and yet it wasn't reflected in cinema."

The free black middle class of America, says Lemmons, goes back to 18th-century Louisiana and its French-based culture. "The French had a different way of looking at things. Slaves could buy their own freedom and that of their family, and there were free people of colour coming in from other places as early as the early 1700s. Going way back there's always been a black aristocracy in the United States and yet it's not much talked or written about."

While *Eve's Bayou* brings fresh and little-known subject-matter to the screen in terms of black history and experience, there have been other examples in the past decade. *Glory*, which like *Amistad* was not a "black movie" in the pure sense of the word, drew attention to the African-American role in the Civil War; Mario Van Peebles's *Posse* focused on black cowboys in the old West; and more recently, *The Tuskagee Airmen*, shown on television, told the story of the first black fighter squadron in the Second World War.

There is now a growing trend towards films about the contemporary black middle class. *Love Jones* was a comedy about young professionals and their love tangles. The bigger budget *Waiting to Exhale* dealt with similar material. *Soul Food* was a family drama which used food as a metaphor for love in a similar way to *Eat, Drink, Man, Woman*.

In January Julia Toppin founded Film Daze in London, an organisation devoted to bringing black films to a wider audience via monthly special events at the National Film Theatre and other screenings. She believes that films like *Soul Food* and *Eve's Bayou* are forcing Hollywood to look at black movies in a new light. "They've proved that films that aren't about guns, rappers and gangsters can reach a broader audience and make money. These films are also bringing new actors to the public. Hollywood is starting to see that you don't have to have a big star like Eddie Murphy in your film to be able to market a black movie to a mainstream audience. It just has to have a strong universal story like any other movie in order to appeal."

The wide appeal of *Eve's Bayou* became apparent from its early American ticket sales, which indicated a 50 per cent white audience. But the resistance from studios and other finance sources to black movies has by no means been overcome. British producer Margaret Matheson acted as "godmother", assisting in attempts to raise finance for both *Eve's Bayou* and *Babymother*, a rare example of a black British movie, which opens next month. The story of a young single mother and her efforts to create an independent life for herself, *Babymother* raised its finance from Channel 4 and the lottery fund, both of which have an interest in supporting non-mainstream movies.

Early reaction to the script of *Eve's Bayou* from commercial sources both here and in the States was predictable. As Matheson remembers: "One distributor with whom I was discussing the film said: 'You've got to be joking. This has three absolute non-starters. It's an all-black cast, it's child abuse and it's a first-time director.' These are the unwritten rules. The miracle is that anything original ever gets through."

Both audiences and film-makers are, however, more concerned with cultural considerations than commercial ones. Toppin welcomes the wider range of movies that are slowly becoming available from the point of view of black self-esteem. "Before, if we wanted to see our own image reflected, which is what most people want, then the ghetto movies were all we had, whereas now there's more quality product out there, more aspects of the black experience. With *Babymother* I like the fact that I am seeing British girls on screen with whom I can identify."

Even films whose primary appeal is to the niche black audience can have a wider reach. As Toppin points out, 25 per cent of her Film Daze members are white. Matheson sees this as an important aspect of the multicultural society. "There is a potentially large black audience and also a large white audience hungry for drama about black experience. We're all living together and we want to know more about each other."

● Eve's Bayou *opens on Friday, and will be reviewed tomorrow*

Sister act to relish

For many people in a London audience the American notion of cabaret will be foreign territory. So the new month-long series *Divas at the Donmar* is something of a gamble.

In New York, cabaret is an intimate adjunct to Broadway, a celebration of the singer and the song. Ann Hampton Callaway and her sister Liz Callaway, who opened the Donmar season on Monday with their duo act, *Sibling Revelry*, are prime examples of this. Sharing the stage with a piano, bass and drums, they give us two 45-minute sets of songs overflowing with zest. There are ballads, torch songs and even some comedy banter.

Liz, who works on Broadway and also sings heroines in

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cartoon films such as *Anastasia* and the forthcoming sequel to *The Lion King*, is lighter and peppier than her sultry, jazz-inflected sister. They make ideal foils for one another's talents.

This is particularly true in a 15-minute pastiche they dub "the huge medley". Here, they zip through all the sister and bosom buddy songs you can name. *Mame, West Side Story, Gypsy, A Little Night Music* and even *Fame* are just some of the shows which provide their material.

These women both know how to wring every last ounce of meaning out of a lyric. Liz is luminous in *Meadowlark*, a touching parable from a minor show called *A Baker's Dozen*. Ann tops her with *Being Alive*, a modern tragedy culled from Stephen Sondheim's *Company*. Cutting very close to the bone, it's a great song that pits hope against desperation. Lots of singers do it. Few have ever done it better.

At first London audiences may miss the special effects, big orchestrations, flash sets and lighting. But once you start listening to the words, it becomes clear that cabaret New York-style is a series of five-minute one-act plays expressed through song.

After the Callaways' two-week stint, *Divas at the Donmar* continues with Barbara Cook. One of cabaret's all-time legends, Cook made her London debut 12 years ago at the Donmar. The last diva of the year is Imelda Staunton, scene-stealer from the National Theatre's *Guys and Dolls*. She is performing with a ten-piece big band, so her cabaret should really swing. And plans are already under way to repeat this divas' songfest next summer.

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242	Steve Brown	CHA	-	2.5
243	Anthony Barness	CHA	-	2.5
210	Alberto Ferrer	CHE	-	3.7
212	Graeme Le Saux	CHE	22	4.0
215	Celestine Babayaro	CHE	12	3.5
216	Frank Sinclair	CHE	20	3.3
218	Steve Clarke	CHE	23	3.3
217	Marcus Hall	COV	12	2.7
219	Roland Nilsson	COV	25	2.9
231	David Burrows	COV	24	2.9
245	Robert Jarni	COV	-	3.2
247	Ian Brightwell	COV	-	2.8
220	Robert Kozluk	DER	-5	2.6
222	Gary Rowett	DER	28	3.0
223	Stefan Schnoor	DER	-	2.8
249	John O'Kane	EVE	7	2.9
256	Tony Thomas	EVE	4	2.7
258	Michael Ball	EVE	-1	2.8
271	Alex Cleland	EVE	-	2.9
272	Terry Phelan	EVE	0	2.8
286	Mitch Ward	EVE	3	3.0
214	Danny Granville	LEE	6	3.5
224	Ian Harte	LEE	10	3.4
225	David Robertson	LEE	18	3.3
226	Gary Kelly	LEE	28	3.9
227	Lee Sharpe	LEE	0	3.6
235	Robert Ullathorne	LEI	-1	3.0
237	Robbie Savage	LEI	12	3.3
238	Steve Guppy	LEI	30	3.6
228	Jason McAteer	LIV	31	4.2
229	Steve Harkness	LIV	23	3.8
230	Rob Jones	LIV	-3	3.6
232	Stig Inge Bjornebye	LIV	23	3.8
250	Vegard Heggem	LIV	-	3.9
236	Denis Irwin	MAN	38	4.3
283	John Curtis	MAN	4	3.5
284	Philip Neville	MAN	44	4.3
285	Gary Neville	MAN	50	4.5
252	Curtis Fleming	MID	-	3.0
253	Vladimir Kinder	MID	-	3.0
254	Craig Harrison	MID	-	2.8
255	Dean Gordon	MID	-4	3.2
259	Gustavo Lombardi	MID	-	2.9
246	Andy Griffin	NEW	1	3.2
273	Steve Watson	NEW	18	3.4
274	Warren Barton	NEW	11	3.4
276	Laurent Charvet	NEW	9	3.3
280	Carl Serrant	NEW	-	3.2
281	Alessandro Pistone	NEW	14	3.5
290	Des Lyttle	NOT	-	2.9
291	Alan Rogers	NOT	-	3.0
292	Thierry Bonalair	NOT	-	3.1
202	Earl Barrett	SHE	2	2.8
268	Andy Hinchcliffe	SHE	9	3.2
279	Ian Nolan	SHE	-7	2.8
239	John Beresford	SOU	9	2.8
257	Lee Todd*		-6	2.5
263	Jason Dodd	SOU	17	2.8
251	Clive Wilson	TOT	4	3.0
264	Stephen Carr	TOT	5	3.1
265	Paolo Tramezzani	TOT	-	3.2
270	Justin Edinburgh	TOT	-7	2.9
206	Steve Potts	WES	6	3.0
208	Tim Breacker	WES	-2	2.9
233	Stan Lazaridis	WES	18	3.2
234	Andy Impey	WES	2	3.1
275	Duncan Jupp	WIM	1	2.6
277	Ben Thatcher	WIM	16	2.9
278	Alan Kimble	WIM	16	2.9
282	Kenny Cunningham	WIM	20	3.0

CENTRE BACKS

305	Steve Bould	ARS	18	3.8
307	Tony Adams	ARS	51	4.4
322	Martin Keown	ARS	24	4.1
337	Gilles Grimandi	ARS	18	3.6
347	Matthew Upson	ARS	5	3.4
301	Ugo Ehiogu	AST	16	3.7
303	Gareth Southgate	AST	16	3.6
304	Riccardo Scimeca	AST	0	3.3
310	Colin Hendry*		18	3.5
353	Sebastien Perez	BLA	-	3.3
354	Darren Peacock	BLA	4	3.3
355	Stephane Henchoz	BLA	18	3.4
308	Richard Rufus	CHA	-	2.7
309	Eddie Youds	CHA	-	2.6
316	Phil Chapple	CHA	-	2.5
318	Stuart Balmer	CHA	-	2.5
356	Bernard Lambourde	CHE	-2	3.4
365	Marcel Desailly	CHE	-	3.8
366	Michael Deberry	CHE	18	3.5
370	Andy Myers	CHE	8	3.3
381	Frank Leboeuf	CHE	44	4.2
357	Gary Breen	COV	19	3.0
379	Jean-Guy Wallemme	COV	-	3.0
384	Paul Williams	COV	-1	2.9
387	Richard Shaw	COV	12	2.8
388	Liam Daish	COV	0	2.8
311	Jacob Laursen	DER	11	2.9
312	Igor Stimac	DER	15	3.0
313	Rory Delap	DER	12	2.7
314	Horacio Angel Carbonari	DER	-	3.1
326	Christian Dailly	DER	5	3.0
306	Slaven Bilic	EVE	-2	3.1
323	David Unsworth	EVE	10	3.1
324	Dave Watson	EVE	0	2.9
325	Carl Tiler	EVE	15	3.0
327	Craig Short	EVE	8	2.9
328	Marco Materazzi	EVE	-	3.0
330	Lucas Radebe	LEE	15	3.5
331	Martin Hiden	LEE	1	3.4
380	David Wetherall	LEE	26	3.6
308	Robert Molenaar	LEE	14	3.4
334	Gerry Taggart	LEI	4	3.2
335	Pontus Kaamark	LEI	34	3.3
336	Steve Walsh	LEI	30	3.3
338	Matt Elliott	LEI	53	3.9
389	Spencer Prior	LEI	24	3.1
302	Steve Staunton	LIV	17	4.1
320	Phil Babb	LIV	12	3.7
333	Mark Wright	LIV	2	3.5
375	Dominic Matteo	LIV	18	3.6
399	Bjorn Tore Kvarme	LIV	20	3.5
321	Henning Berg	MAN	30	3.9
368	David May	MAN	9	3.9
382	Jaap Stam	MAN	-	4.5
383	Ronny Johnsen	MAN	33	4.1
339	Gary Pallister	MID	39	3.2
343	Gianluca Festa	MID	-	3.1
344	Steve Vickers	MID	-	3.0
340	Stuart Pearce	NEW	12	3.2
341	Steve Howey	NEW	9	3.3
342	Nicos Dabizas	NEW	5	3.4
361	Philippe Albert	NEW	17	3.5
350	Colin Cooper	NOT	-	3.2
351	Steve Chettle	NOT	-	3.0
352	Jon Olav Hjelde	NOT	-	2.9
358	Peter Atherton	SHE	11	2.9
359	Goce Sedloski	SHE	4	2.7
360	Des Walker	SHE	-11	2.8
362	Dejan Stefanovic	SHE	-2	2.7
364	Jon Newsome	SHE	1	2.8
317	Ken Monkou	SOU	3	2.7
385	Francis Benali	SOU	6	2.7
386	Richard Dryden	SOU	2	2.5
391	Claus Lundekvam	SOU	1	2.6
394	Scott Marshall	SOU	2	2.7
346	Colin Calderwood	TOT	7	3.1
373	John Scales	TOT	-3	3.0
378	Sol Campbell	TOT	7	3.3
396	Ramon Vega	TOT	14	3.4
315	Julian Dicks	WES	0	3.3
319	Ian Pearce	WES	4	3.1
363	Richard Hall	WES	0	2.9
367	Javier Margas	WES	-	3.2
369	Neil Ruddock	WES	-1	3.0
393	Rio Ferdinand	WES	0	3.2
372	Chris Perry	WIM	23	3.1
390	Brian McAllister	WIM	-6	2.8
392	Dean Blackwell	WIM	22	2.9

MIDFIELDERS

405	Emmanuel Petit	ARS	22	4.4
406	Marc Overmars	ARS	44	5.6
416	Ray Parlour	ARS	21	4.0
420	Patrick Vieira	ARS	16	4.1
425	Stephen Hughes	ARS	8	3.5
407	Mark Draper	AST	21	3.7
409	Simon Grayson	AST	4	3.3
410	Alan Thompson	AST	41	4.5
411	Fabio Ferrarei	AST	-	3.6
413	Lee Hendrie	AST	13	3.7
535	Ian Taylor	AST	24	3.8
415	Billy McKinlay	BLA	0	3.2
417	Jason Wilcox	BLA	20	4.0
419	Damien Duff	BLA	20	4.2
421	Jimmy Corbett	BLA	-	3.3
422	Tim Sherwood	BLA	21	4.1
575	Garry Fitzcroft	BLA	10	3.3
501	Keith Jones	CHA	-	3.1
502	Mark Kinsella	CHA	-	3.5
504	Matt Holmes	CHA	-	3.2
505	Shaun Newton	CHA	-	3.3
506	John Robinson	CHA	-	3.2
507	Neil Redfearn	CHA	38	4.1
401	Mark Nicholls	CHE	11	3.3
404	Paul Hughes	CHE	4	3.1
429	Jody Morris	CHE	5	3.2
430	Roberto Di Matteo	CHE	26	4.4
434	Dan Petrescu	CHE	27	4.3
435	Eddie Newton	CHE	0	3.1
437	Gustavo Poyet	CHE	22	4.9
438	Brian Laudrup	CHE	-	5.8
439	Dennis Wise	CHE	17	3.8
465	Gary McAllister	COV	2	3.9
589	Paul Hall	COV	-	3.8
590	Paul Telfer	COV	19	3.5
591	Noel Whelan	COV	20	4.4
592	Trond Egil Soltvedt	COV	11	3.4
593	Willie Boland	COV	2	3.0
594	George Boateng	COV	3	3.3
595	Philippe Clement	COV	-	3.5
596	Gavin Strachan	COV	0	3.1
440	Darryl Powell	DER	0	3.2
442	Stefano Eranio	DER	19	3.8
443	Lee Carsley	DER	3	3.1
444	Francesco Baiano	DER	52	5.2
446	Jonathan Hunt	DER	5	3.4
479	Lars Bohinen	DER	14	3.6
403	Gareth Farrelly	EVE	5	3.2
414	Tony Grant	EVE	5	3.1
418	Danny Williamson	EVE	0	3.2
447	John Oster	EVE	5	3.4
448	Nick Barmby	EVE	22	4.8
449	Oliver Dacourt	EVE	-	3.6
450	John Collins	EVE	-	4.6
570	Don Hutchison	EVE	3	4.0
459	Harry Kewell	LEE	21	4.4
466	Lee Bowyer	LEE	19	3.9
480	Alf Inge Haaland	LEE	21	3.6
481	Bruno Ribeiro	LEE	19	3.8
482	Gunnar Halle	LEE	8	3.3
522	David Hopkin	LEE	7	3.7
452	Neil Lennon	LEI	12	3.5
454	Garry Parker	LEI	13	3.6
460	Muzzy Izzet	LEI	26	3.8
565	Theo Zagoraids	LEI	5	3.4
412	Jamie Carragher	LIV	0	3.3
467	Jamie Redknapp	LIV	15	4.2
468	Steve McManaman	LIV	51	5.5
469	Patrik Berger	LIV	11	4.4
487	Danny Murphy	LIV	4	3.7
490	Paul Ince	LIV	36	4.5
529	Oyvind Leonhardsen	LIV	26	4.3
483	Jesper Blomqvist	MAN	-	5.0
484	Nicky Butt	MAN	15	4.1
485	Ryan Giggs	MAN	46	5.6
486	Paul Scholes	MAN	34	5.5
492	David Beckham	MAN	61	5.9
509	Roy Keane	MAN	6	4.4
510	Neil Maddison	MID	3	3.1
511	Andy Townsend	MID	-	3.6
512	Robbie Mustoe	MID	-	3.4
514	Paul Gascoigne	MID	-	4.5
515	Paul Merson	MID	-	4.7
461	Yorgos Yoryadis	NEW	-	3.9
462	David Batty	NEW	5	3.7
463	Stephen Glass	NEW	-	3.5
464	Gary Speed	NEW	28	4.3
473	John Barnes	NEW	20	3.6
489	Keith Gillespie	NEW	22	4.3
493	Garry Brady	NEW	-	3.3
494	Des Hamilton	NEW	2	3.3
495	Temuri Ketsbaia	NEW	17	3.8
496	Robert Lee	NEW	16	4.2
497	Dietmar Hamann	NEW	-	3.9
520	Chris Bart-Williams	NOT	-	3.6
521	Scott Gemmill	NOT	-	3.5
524	Geoff Thomas	NOT	-	3.5
525	Andy Johnson	NOT	-	3.7
526	Steve Stone	NOT	-	4.0
527	Ian Woan	NOT	-	3.8
537	Niclas Alexandersson	SHE	0	3.5
538	Petter Rudi	SHE	2	3.6
539	Guy Whittingham	SHE	20	3.7
540	Graham Hyde	SHE	5	3.1
548	Jim Magilton	SHE	5	3.1
562	Benito Carbone	SHE	39	4.7
597	Emerson Thome	SHE	0	3.2
547	Wim Jonk	SHE	-	4.3
500	Stuart Ripley	SOU	26	3.9
536	Carlton Palmer	SOU	15	3.2
541	David Howells	SOU	0	3.2
542	Matthew Le Tissier	SOU	51	6.0
557	Matthew Oakley	SOU	7	3.1
498	David Ginola	TOT	36	4.8
503	Ruel Fox	TOT	23	4.1
523	Andy Sinton	TOT	10	3.4
551	Stephen Clemence	TOT	2	3.2
553	Allan Nielsen	TOT	15	3.7
554	Jose Dominguez	TOT	8	3.5
555	Darren Anderton	TOT	2	4.6
564	Nicola Berti	TOT	15	3.7
568	Moussa Saib	TOT	5	3.6
436	John Moncur	WES	5	3.4
561	Eyal Berkovic	WES	45	4.8
576	Trevor Sinclair	WES	23	5.1
577	Steve Lomas	WES	14	3.3
578	Frank Lampard	WES	21	3.7
579	Marc Keller	WES	-	3.9
473	Mark Kennedy	WIM	2	3.8
559	Robbie Earle	WIM	13	4.1
560	Andy Roberts	WIM	7	3.3
563	Neal Ardley	WIM	10	3.4
580	Michael Hughes	WIM	20	3.5
586	Ceri Hughes	WIM	5	3.3
587	Peter Fear	WIM	6	3.0

FORWARDS

601	Luis Boa Morte	ARS	0	5.4
602	Nicolas Anelka	ARS	30	8.0
606	Dennis Bergkamp	ARS	72	9.1
623	Christopher Wreh	ARS	11	5.8
645	Dwight Yorke	AST	40	8.3
646	Julian Joachim	AST	34	6.2
652	Stan Collymore	AST	30	8.0
647	Chris Sutton	BLA	70	8.4
691	Martin Dahlin	BLA	14	6.4
693	Kevin Gallacher	BLA	58	7.5
696	Kevin Davies	BLA	35	7.4
604	Clive Mendonca	CHA	-	6.5
605	Mark Bright	CHA	-	5.6
607	Steve Jones	CHA	-	5.0
608	Andy Hunt	CHA	-	5.5
636	Pierluigi Casiraghi	CHE	-	7.6
637	Tore Andre Flo	CHE	43	7.2
639	Gianluca Vialli	CHE	45	6.6
679	Gianfranco Zola	CHE	38	7.4
680	Darren Huckerby	COV	50	7.2
683	Dion Dublin	COV	74	7.9
612	Dean Sturridge	DER	37	6.6
625	Deon Burton	DER	17	5.3
694	Paolo Wanchope	DER	53	6.8
628	Danny Cadamarteri	EVE	16	5.3
673	John Spencer	EVE	2	6.0
674	Michael Ball	EVE	22	6.2
702	Duncan Ferguson	EVE	47	7.5
661	Clyde Wijnhard	LEE	-	6.8
662	Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink	LEE	60	8.1
622	Emile Heskey	LEI	46	6.8
626	Tony Cottee	LEI	12	5.4
657	Ian Marshall	LEI	21	5.7
669	Graham Fenton	LEI	11	5.2
618	Karl-Heinz Riedle	LIV	20	7.7
619	Sean Dundee	LIV	-	7.0
620	Robbie Fowler	LIV	37	9.4
690	Michael Owen	LIV	80	10.5
640	Ole Gunnar Solskjaer	MAN	26	8.1
641	Andy Cole	MAN	60	8.7
649	Teddy Sheringham	MAN	49	7.5
610	Marco Branca	MID	-	7.0
611	Hamilton Ricard	MID	-	6.6
613	Mikkel Beck	MID	-	6.2
615	Alun Armstrong	MID	-	6.0
667	Andreas Andersson	NEW	6	6.7
668	Stephane Guivarc'h	NEW	-	7.7
670	Alan Shearer	NEW	10	10.1
630	Pierre Van Hooijdonk	NOT	-	7.8
634	Jean-Claude Darcheville	NOT	-	6.1
635	Dougie Freedman	NOT	0	6.3
663	Francesco Sanetti	SHE	3	5.9
664	Andy Booth	SHE	27	6.5
666	Paolo Di Canio	SHE	52	7.1
638	Mark Hughes	SOU	35	6.5
665	David Hirst	SOU	37	6.1
703	Egil Ostenstad	SOU	39	6.9
704	James Beattie	SOU	0	5.2
650	Chris Armstrong	TOT	15	7.1
658	Les Ferdinand	TOT	25	8.1
687	Steffen Iversen	TOT	0	6.4
603	Ian Wright	WES	36	7.8
614	John Hartson	WES	67	8.2
643	Samassi Abou	WES	23	5.6
644	Paul Kitson	WES	12	6.3
672	Carl Leaburn	WIM	18	5.5
681	Jason Euell	WIM	14	5.4
700	Marcus Gayle	WIM	10	5.8
701	Efan Ekoku	WIM	14	6.0
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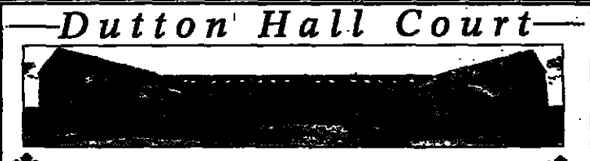
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The Earls family found that dreams do not come easy when they moved lock, stock and bottle-opener to France, says **Rachel Kelly**

The problems with paradise

The thought of moving to France is never so tempting as when one is sipping chardonnay on a lounger in the Mediterranean sun.

But anybody considering taking the plunge would do well to heed the tale of Deby Earls. She and her family moved in 1990 to a village in the French countryside. At the time, she says, it seemed as though she had discovered paradise. She asked no questions but simply fell in love with La Boulinière, in the valley of La Vienne, near Poitiers. Ms Earls is still as enthusiastic, but has learnt many a lesson. She remains a convert to the French way of life but now knows what is involved in successfully uprooting lock, stock and bottle-opener.

"We found new stresses with things that we normally took for granted, such as making ourselves understood to banks, doctors, schools and builders," says Ms Earls. The language barrier caused problems that were both amusing and frustrating.

"One morning my husband, Richard, asked the pretty young girl in the local bakery for a *baguettelle*," explains Ms Earls. Only later did he discover why she had collapsed in a fit of giggles: in French the word means an affair.

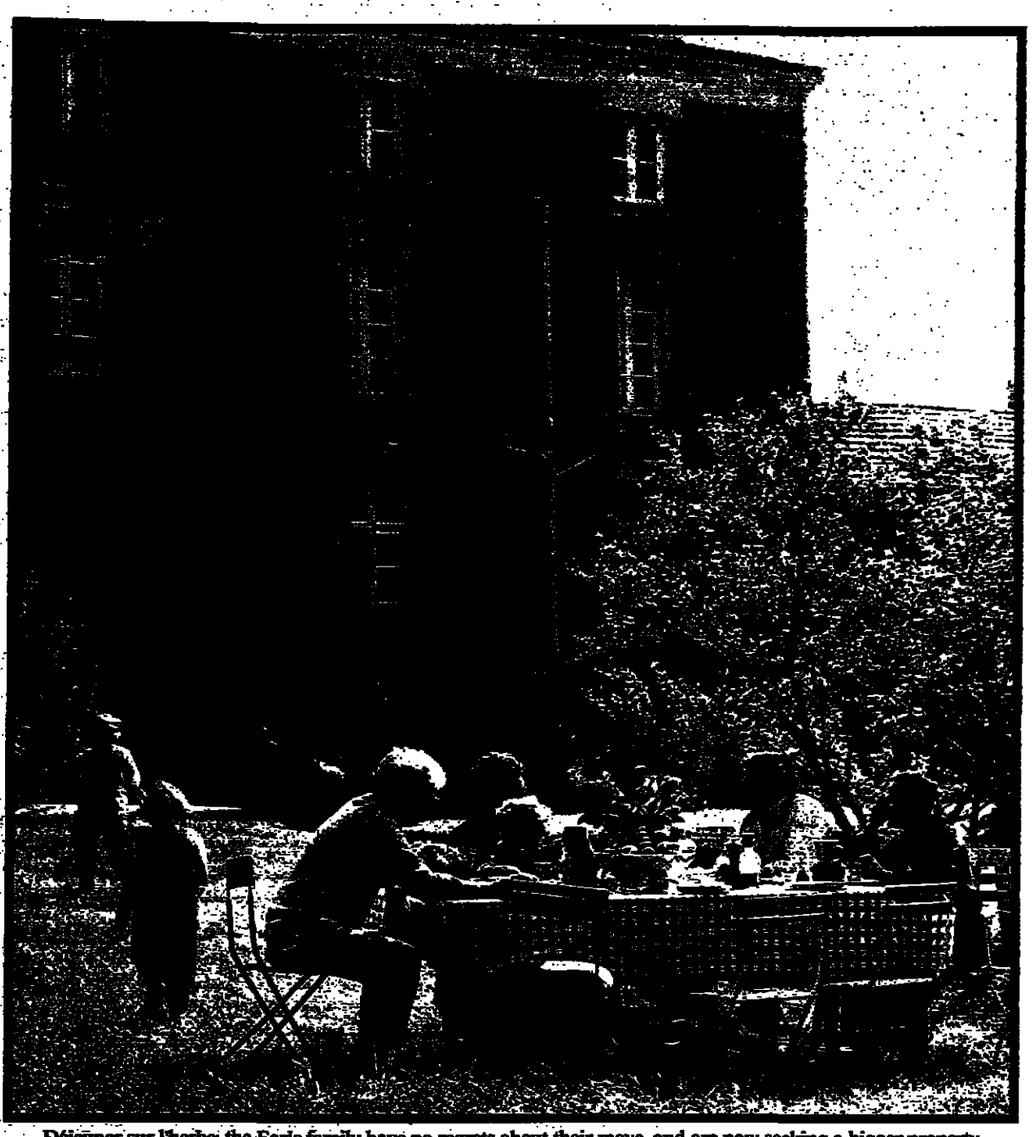
Ian Purslow, of the estate agent Purslow's Gascony, says: "Learning French is essential to survival in rural France. Integration requires courage and effort since villagers can be slow to accept newcomers."

Mr Purslow has another piece of advice — property should be bought with the intention of staying for at least five years. Dealing costs are high and sales can take longer than at home, he points out.

Ms Earls advises that would-be buyers, especially those who are not in employment, should consider acquiring their own health insurance, and adds that banks offer no credit cards or overdraft facilities. Strict banking penalties include the closure of accounts.

For those with children of school age, French education is traditional — the discipline is old-fashioned and the school curriculum rigid. Parental participation is expected, too.

But for all the administrative and linguistic hurdles, Ms Earls still recommends swapping England for France. While she is selling La Boulinière, she plans to remain in France.



Déjeuner sur l'herbe: the Earls family have no regrets about their move, and are now seeking a bigger property



Pastures new: John Earls, Deby's farmer brother, on the 285-acre sheep farm near Poitiers

Originally Ms Earls and her family moved to escape the pressures of urban life. She and Richard were both working long hours, often from 8am to 9pm. They saw little of their two-year-old son, James, and were weighed down by a burdensome mortgage.

"I was pregnant again," Ms Earls says. "I was aware that this would soon mean even less space and even more stress."

They decided to make the break along with Deby's antique-dealing parents, Jenny and Billy, and her farmer brother, John. The Earls sold their Brixton house for £140,000; her parents sold theirs in Newbury and Eton, and they pooled resources.

La Boulinière was a working sheep farm with 285 acres in the Poitou-Charentes region. They found it after two years of searching, during which time they saw more than 30 properties. The main house, with four bedrooms and one bathroom, had been a French family home for 20 years. From a hilltop, it looked down on gently rolling fields, as well as La Boulinière's two forests and three lakes. Around it were three large cottages and several barns.

Together they bought the property for £245,000. The communal purchase was effected by forming a registered company, in which each investor bought shares of varying amounts. Such a company allows shareholders to sell without the whole venture collapsing, and is easy to dissolve when the time comes. What is more, it protects members from French inheritance laws, in which spouses come second to offspring.

The first two years were spent making improvements to the family's new home, at a total cost of about £176,000. "We set about developing three of the buildings into homes for each section of the family and then redoing the main house to run as our B&B," says Ms Earls.

Once the main house was completed it had seven bedrooms and seven bathrooms, along with its large kitchen and numerous reception rooms. The summer months were so hot that, after a year, they installed a swimming pool. Meanwhile, the green-fingered Jenny and Billy worked on the garden.

By 1993 the B&B business was up and running, supervised by the Earls. During the peak season, their guest rooms could bring in almost £200 per night. Eight years down the line, they have decided that it is time to move on. This is not because their venture did not work out financially: indeed, Deby Earls describes herself as being "thrilled by its success" and points out that in 1997, the farm and business earned more than £45,000.

Of course a move to France is challenging. But this must be set against such factors as low pollution levels, which in Ms Earls's case mean that her son, who was asthmatic in England, is now free of the condition. Moreover, the French health system, Ms Earls adds, is "superb".

The Earls are now selling La Boulinière as the needs of their extended family have grown. "When we moved my brother John was single. Now he is happily married, and he and his wife have a two-year-old son, Sam. The responsibility of a growing family changes one's perspective," Ms Earls says.

"Take your time," she advises. "Moving to a foreign country is a very big step. Ask as many questions as possible and research your area. We didn't, we just fell in love with the house."

● *La Boulinière is for sale through Domus Abroad (0171-431 4692) for £360,000.*

● *Additional research by Jeremy Currie.*

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Caring for tots could help to fund your mortgage — provided you have a suitable site. **Fred Redwood** reports

It seems the ideal way to fund the mortgage repayments on a property of substance. Give up a few downstairs rooms, carry out minor refurbishments, hire trained staff, design a cute logo and there you have it, your own nursery school.

This was Janice Tovey's plan when she set up Jack and Jill's nursery at Greenham, Newbury, seven years ago. Her large, modern house next to a country park had ample space for an extension and parking was no problem. And Mrs Tovey, with children then aged three, six and eight, wanted to get back to work yet remain at home for her family. So does running a nursery match up to her early expectations?

"I have enjoyed building up a business from nothing and the nursery has certainly fitted in conveniently with my domestic arrangements," she says. "But there are drawbacks, notably lack of privacy. It has also restricted my normal family life — my own teenagers are forbidden their loud music while the nursery children are around and we can't take spur-of-the-moment holidays. And there is an incredible amount of paperwork to meet government requirements, which I didn't foresee."

Anybody wanting to set up a nursery should first study the local authority requirements. Legal advice should be sought over planning permission. The cost of meeting statutory requirements in terms of space must also be kept in mind. For every baby in a nursery, 40sq ft of floorspace must be provided; two to five-year-olds need 25 sq ft each. One toilet and hand basin is needed for every ten children, as well as showers. Staff need a rest room; there must be a good laundry and utility room, ample storage space for toys, and the garden must have a playarea. All in all, the cost of converting a home into a nursery school could reach about £30,000 — and that is before you start buying equipment.

The ideal property is a former school. Just such a property is on the market with Paul Jackson in Boldre, near Lymington in Hampshire, for £355,000. The Old School House in Boldre Lane stands in 1.75 acres, allowing ample room for expansion. The conservatory, utility room and drawing room, together with the useful outside stores, make it a suitable potential nursery. But the property is a family house and there is no guarantee that planning permission for conversion will be granted.

The same rider applies to Cairngall in Stroud, Gloucestershire, which occupies the main wing of a Grade II listed Victorian house. The property offers views to the Welsh hills. But it is the parking space, seven bedrooms, drawing room, dining room, sitting room and downstairs shower that make Cairngall — on sale with Murrays for £210,000 — a good candidate for conversion.

Similar properties regularly appear on the market. However, buyers seeking nursery schools for sale as going concerns should look through the small ads in *The Times Educational Supplement* or the business pages of the broadsheets.

For those with the inclination but not the confidence to set up a nursery single-handed, a franchise could be the answer. Unicorn Childcare, founded in 1996, aims to have 50 franchisees in the next five years. Unicorn requires an investment fee of £5,000 and £5,000 more when the business opens. In return for ongoing support, the franchisee also pays 5 per cent of turnover each month. Unicorn helps in finding premises, designing and converting the nursery, obtaining planning consent, meeting fire regulations, equipping the property and obtaining local authority registration.

Another factor to consider is the curious state of flux which has been caused by recent developments in education. The Government has guaranteed free nursery places to all four-year-olds, creating an extra 60,000 places in schools and private nursery schools. This should be good news for nursery schools, but the primary schools have now opened up reception classes, thereby laying claim to government funding. As a result, 900 private nursery schools have already been forced to close.

Received wisdom has it that upmarket nurseries are most likely to be successful. There has been criticism of primary schools placing four-year-olds in classes of more than 30 when nursery schools have one teacher for eight children.

The most pertinent point is that there are more than four million children under five in Britain, and an increasing number of their mothers work. So demand for nursery provision is assured, provided the nursery is in an area where there are working mothers in well-paid employment.

But can nursery owners manage to fund a dream-house mortgage from the profits? Mrs Tovey warns against being too optimistic. "I love living here and get tremendous job satisfaction. But you won't get rich from this business."

ALLAN WELLER



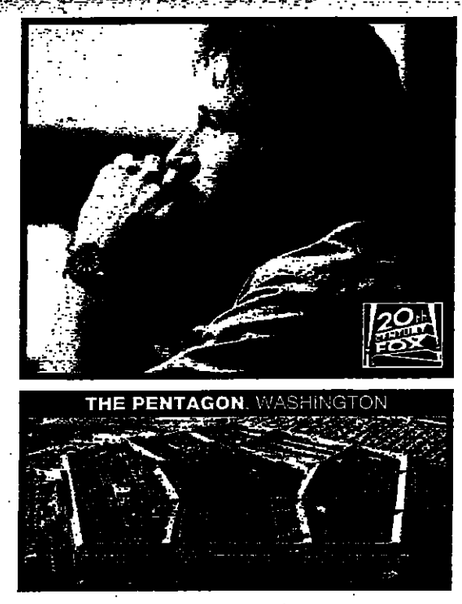
Child's play: the Jack and Jill nursery owned by Janice Tovey (seated)

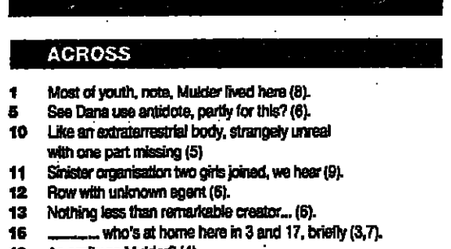
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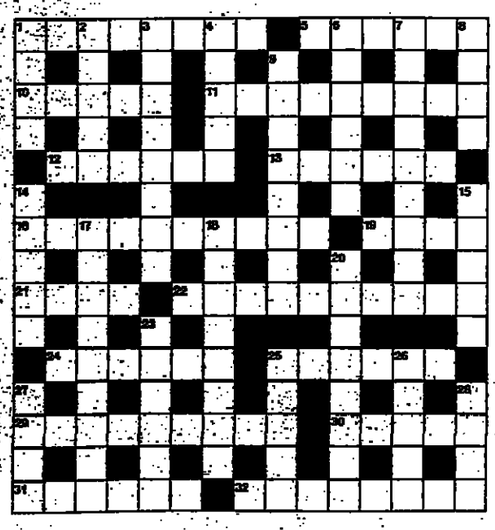
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Readers of *The Times* have the exclusive chance to win an exciting VIP fly-drive holiday for two to America, tailored for *X-Files* fans, courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox. The winner will visit the the home towns of agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully, Martha's Vineyard and Anapolis respectivley, and spend two nights in Washington to tour the White House and Pentagon. Fans of the cult show, now a major film, will have no difficulty with our crossword, specially devised to coincide with the release at UK cinemas on August 21 of the *X-Files*, starring David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson. FBI special agents Mulder and Scully are drawn into a web of intrigue while investigating the mysterious bombing of a Dallas office building — and the secrets buried inside. As well as the six-night holiday, there are 50 runners-up prizes of limited-edition *X-Files* merchandise to be won.

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ACROSS

1 Most of youth, note, Mulder lived here (8).
5 See Dana use antidote, partly for this? (6).
10 Like an extraterrestrial body, strangely unreal with one part missing (5)
11 Sinister organisation two girls joined, we hear (9).
12 Row with unknown agent (5).
13 Nothing less than remarkable creator... (5).
16 ..... who's at home here in 3 and 17, briefly (3,7).
19 As crafty as Mulder? (4).
21 What 32 got from leaders of entertainment, marking merit? Yes! (4).

DOWN

1 Line in clip showing status of X-Files (4).
2 Taking section of FBI on, I countermanded order (5).
3 State of Scully's education (8).
4 Dangerous states Scully, initially, has to enter (5).
6 Source of Scullys problem with buzzer (5).
7 A prospect, possibly, of installation for extraterrestrial travel (9).
8 Agent Krycek named among male X-files characters (4).
9 Strange corn seen, appearing thus in movie (8).
14 Name attached to a piece of fiction — ET, for example (5).

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... who has named Scottish court cases, and Nick Pollard from ... Edinburgh Fringe, page 33

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David Powell sees golden future from National Lottery

Britons scent Olympic jackpot

Whether it has come in time to improve Great Britain's medal count at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney is open to question, but there can be no doubting the benefits that National Lottery funding is bringing to three sports in particular this summer. Athletics, which is the main Olympic sport, and triathlon and women's modern pentathlon, two disciplines on the programme for the first time in Sydney, are enjoying outstanding success.

Expectations are high that Great Britain will top the medals table at the European athletics championships in Budapest this month. The British men have won the European Cup already, a victory that Max Jones, the performance director, attributed partly to lottery funding.

Two weeks ago, Britain gathered more gold medals at the world junior championships than at any time in the past, with only China and Russia finishing above them. All four came from athletes now dedicating themselves to full-time training aided by lottery money.

Kate Allenby returned yesterday from Teplice, in the Czech Republic, after winning the modern pentathlon women's World Cup final. Her victory followed hot on the heels of Britain taking team silver medals at the world championships in Mexico City. Allenby gave up work as a fitness consultant last September and now trains full-time. "The lottery money is definitely making a difference," she said. "This was the best result of my career."

Britain's team medals in Mexico City, won by Allenby, Stephanie Cook and Sian Lewis, were said, by Dominic Mahony, the team manager, to have resulted from the meticulous preparation afforded by lottery funding. "It is making a massive difference," he said.

According to Mahony, an Olympic bronze medal-winner in 1988, Allenby's success in Teplice outshone her victory in the European championships last year. "The top 32 women were there and, in terms of elite performance, it is a competition second only to the world championships," he said.

Under the world class performance plan, the National Lottery programme to assist elite athletes, the Britain modern pentathlon team has bought in the services of Jan Bartu as head coach. "It enabled us to attract to this country the No 1 performance director in the world and Jan has been working with us for four months," Mahony said.

Mexico City is one of the most forbidding cities for sport, given its high altitude and pollution levels. "It was another advantage of the programme that Jan was able to go back to the National Lottery and make a case to take the athletes to altitude for two weeks before the competition," Mahony said.

Michelle Dillon and Annaleah Emmerson, two British triathletes, are ranked No 2 and No 3 on the European Cup circuit this season.

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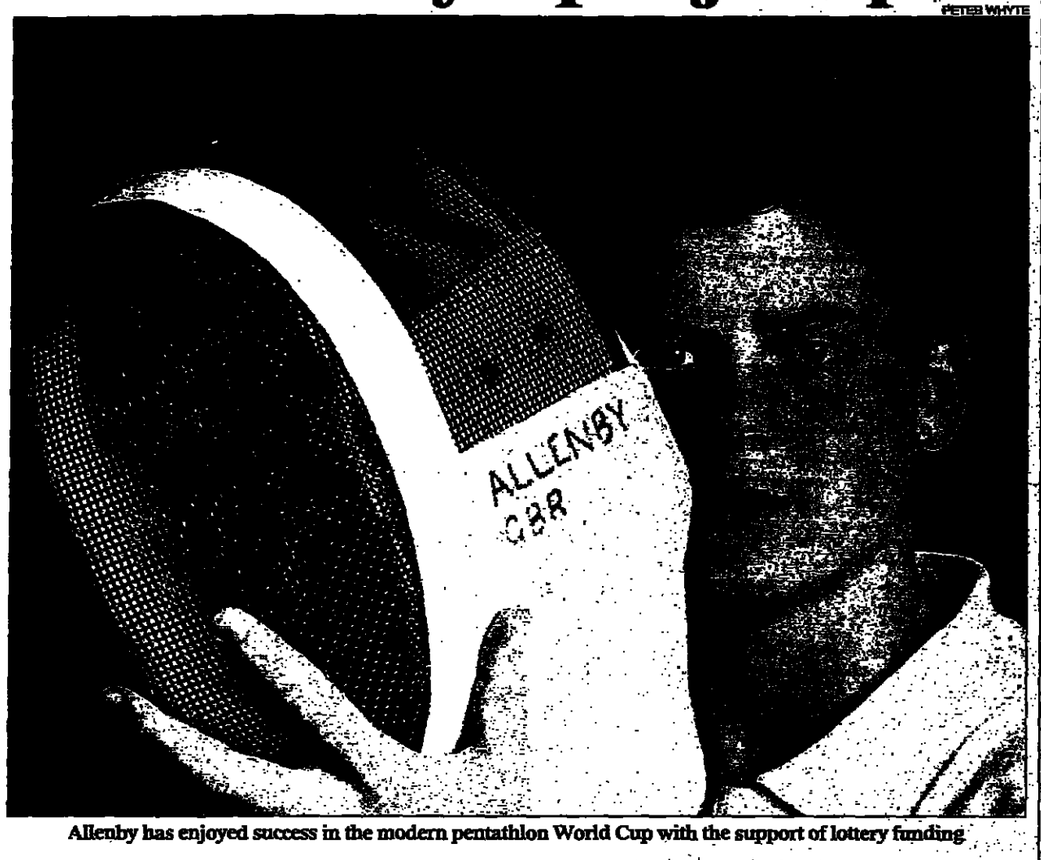
Emmerson's victory on the fourth stage of the tour — in Echternach, Luxembourg, on Sunday — maintained an unprecedented period of success for British triathlon.

In the past five weeks, Andrew Johns has won the senior men's European title, Beth Thomson the junior women's European championship, Simon Lessing the Goodwill Games title and Tim Don has risen to the top of the European Cup men's standings; though he slipped to second place at the weekend.

Triathlon has just received its first £270,000 in lottery funding and, while the competitors have yet to receive money, the programme has begun to act as a performance incentive.

When the Great Britain men won the athletics European Cup in St Petersburg in June, Jones noted the contribution made by young developing athletes, such as Nathan Morgan, who are supported by the world-class performance programme. Morgan picked up valuable points by placing third. "We are seeing an immediate effect of lottery funding," Jones said.

Aged 20 and no longer working 30 hours a week in grocery stores, Morgan looks certain to break the oldest British record in the book, the men's long jump mark, which has been with Lynn Davies for 30 years. Darryl Burn, his coach, believes it may come when he carries his tender years into the European championships next week.



PETER WHYTE

Allenby has enjoyed success in the modern pentathlon World Cup with the support of lottery funding

THUNDERER
2.10 Legal Venture. 2.40 Scent Of Success. 3.10 Highbury Legend. 3.40 Castles Burning. 4.10 Serendipity. 4.40 Matoaka.

GOING: FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 BRIGHTON CHALLENGE CUP NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,371: 5f 59yd) (5 runners)

1 0146 SATIN SLIPPER 5 (CD,S) K Ivory 9-7 ..... A McGlone (8) 1
2 1566 KING FOLEY 33 (B,CD,F) W G M Turner 9-7 P Fitzsimons (7) 3
3 5289 KEY 16 R Hannon 9-2 ..... Dane O'Neill 5
4 6227 BEVELEIN 8 (D,B) P Evans 8-1 (7ex) ..... B Sweeney 2
5 6413 LEGAL VENTURE 5 (D,F) B Meehan 8-11 ..... M Tebbutt 4

9-4 Bevelein, 3-1 Legal Venture, 4-1 Satin Slipper, Key, 1-2 King Foley.

2.40 SOUTHERN FM CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,925: 6f 209yd) (9)

1 093 SCENT OF SUCCESS 16 (V,F) Sir M Stoute 9-7 A McGlone (6) 6
2 4600 GLADSHA 7 B Meehan 9-4 ..... M Tebbutt 2
3 0054 SPRITE 14 (BF) R Hannon 9-3 ..... Dane O'Neill 1
4 0150 HOPEFUL STAR 61 Miss G Kelleway 9-0 ..... Paul Eddery 8
5 3005 CRYSALIS 22 (B) D Arbuthnot 8-10 ..... S Whitworth 3
6 4009 MILLA'S MAGIC 16 (V,C,S) K Ivory 8-13 ..... R Studholme 7
7 06-P THE THEISTER 12 (V) M Channing 8-11 ..... Martin Dwyer 9
8 5213 CHERISHED 46 (S) J Berry 8-1 ..... P Doe (5) 5
9 0000 SILVERSLEVE 71 B Smart 7-12 ..... R Mullen (3) 8

4-1 Scent Of Success, 5-1 Sprite, 6-1 Millenial Gladsha, 10-2 The Theister, 7-1 Chrysalis, Milla's Magic, 8-1 others.

3.10 ASHFIELD-CUMBRY SELLING HANDICAP (£1,977: 1m 3f 196yd) (13)

1 0540 SASSEGO 11 (F,C,S) L A Dace 5-10-0 ..... T G McLaughlin 3
2 01-0 MARCHMAN 29 (D,F) J Ring 12-9-5 ..... R Hughes (3) 1
3 0054 TINKERS FOLLY 28 (F,C,S) C Morgan-Giles 6-8-13 ..... D Biggs 2
4 -035- GENERAL GLORY 374 (D,F) P Evans 5-9-10 ..... B Sweeney 5
5 1014 SYLVAN LEGACY 30 (D) Mrs A Duffield 4-8-5 ..... P Bradley (7) 10
6 5301 HIGHBURY LEGEND 125 (D,S) St Pipe 5-9-4 ..... Martin Dwyer 9
7 -000 THOMAS O'MALLEY 31 P J O'Sullivan 3-8-2 ..... Paul Eddery 12
8 0-90 BLAZER'S BABY 594 (F) Miss R Mackenzie 4-8-1 ..... P McCabe 11
9 0066 COUNTRY THATCH 23 (F) C Hogan 5-7-13 ..... R Mullen (3) 6
10 1525 COASTGUARDS HERO 11 B Preece 5-7-10 ..... N Pollard (7) 13
11 0-00 JUNIOR BEN 154 A Jarvis 5-7-10 ..... P Doe (5) 4
12 6036 MIDDEST HOPE 162 (BF,S) Mrs S Lamyman 21-7-10 ..... A Proll (5) 8
13 3002 BELLE DE MONTORO 124 J Bowring 5-7-10 ..... M Henry 7

5-2 Highbury Legend, 7-1 Marchman, Coastguards Hero, 8-1 Highest Fling, Middest Hope, 10-1 Country Thatch, Belle de Montoro, 14-1 others.

3.40 WEATHERBYS LT. SERVICES HANDICAP (£3,550: 1m 3f 196yd) (8)

1 -009 ST LAWRENCE 14 C Brittain 4-9-10 ..... Paul Eddery 5
2 2252 DARESMAN 11 (B,BF,S) G L Moore 5-8-9 ..... Cassidy Marsh 7
3 0030 MR BROWNING 18 (D,S,F) Mrs G Kelleway 7-8-10 ..... M Dwyer 6
4 -050 BURBILL DANCER 22 (D,F) J Tuley 4-8-7 ..... S Whitworth 4
5 4601 CASTLES BURNING 7 (C,D,F) C Cyzer 4-7-13 (5ex) ..... D Sweeney 2
6 3010 SOVEREIGN CREST 12 (BF,S,D,F) C Hogan 5-7-11 ..... R Mullen (3) 1
7 1400 LA CHATELAINE 11 (C,D,F,S) Miss B Sanders 4-7-10 ..... P Doe (5) 3
8 05 LITTLE MISS ROCKET 32 (S) G L Moore 4-7-10 ..... R Ingram (7) 8

4-1 Castles Burning, 9-2 St Lawrence, Little Miss Rocket, 11-2 Mr Browning, 6-1 Daresman, Sovereign Crest, La Chatelaine, 28-1 Height Dancer.

4.10 NORTHERN RACING CLAIMING STAKES (£2,614: 1m 1f 209yd) (5)

1 3303 SERENDIPITY 11 (D,F) M Pipe 5-9-13 ..... Martin Dwyer 1
2 0555 CHAIRMANS CHOICE 11 (C,D,F) A Jarvis 8-9-5 ..... D Sweeney 3
3 0000 ED'S FOLLY 20 (B) C A Dace 5-8-13 ..... T G McLaughlin 2
4 2300 MR NEVERMIND 14 (C,F,S) G L Moore 6-8-13 ..... S Maloney 4
5 4055 REWARDIA 8 P Evans 3-7-11 ..... R Mullen (3) 5

11-8 Serendipity, 5-2 Mr Nevermind, 9-2 Rewardia, 13-2 Chairmans Choice, 16-1 Ed's Folly.

4.40 BRIGHTON & HOVE CLASSIFIED STAKES (£2,708: 6f 209yd) (14)

1 0315 ASTAVIL 9 (V,CD,E,S) Mrs R Mackenzie 8-8-6 ..... P McCabe 7
2 0404 DELIGHT OF DAWN 12 (B,D,S) R Charlton 6-8-3 ..... S Carson (7) 14
3 0301 LANDRAIL 6 (D,F) B Rowland 4-8-3 ..... P D Hanagan (3) 1
4 0003 LET BOY 30 (D,F,S) G L Moore 3-8-3 ..... Cassidy Marsh 6
5 -302 MISTER MONNELLY 37 (D,F,S) J Jenkins 5-8-3 ..... S Whitworth 5
6 0600 PALACEGATE GOLD 28 (C,F,S) J Long 3-8-3 ..... R Hoyle (3) 9
7 4500 POLAR ECLIPSE 76 (D,S) B Meehan 5-8-3 ..... M Tebbutt 12
8 5230 STAR OF RING 14 (D,S) Miss S Kelleway 5-8-3 ..... P Fredericks (7) 10
9 5061 WHATEVER'S RIGHT 5 (D,S) M Usher 9-8-3 ..... W Hutchinson (7) 11
10 0542 MATOAKA 8 (BF,C,F) V Soane 4-8-0 ..... Paul Eddery 2
11 -000 JIM DORE 28 A Jarvis 3-8-11 ..... D Sweeney 8
12 054- CASA ROSA 422 E McCann 3-8-8 ..... N Wilkinson (7) 13
13 6600 LADY YAVANNA 19 K McAuliffe 3-8-8 ..... B Biggs 13
14 -050 NATALIE'S PET 28 J C Pratten 3-8-8 ..... W J O'Connor 3

5-1 Whatever's Right, 11-2 Landrail, 6-1 Matoaka, 13-2 Delight Of Dawn, 8-1 Polar Eclipse, Star Of Ring, 10-1 Astavil, Mister Monnelly, 12-1 others.

THUNDERER
5.40 Sea Gangs. 6.10 Ones Enough. 6.40 SPIRIT OF LOVE (nap). 7.10 Hasna. 7.40 Half Tone. 8.10 Kanz Pride.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

5.40 LONDON RACING CLUB MIKE HODGES MEMORIAL APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,675: 1m 1f 14yd) (8 runners)

1 6346 TOBAGOS RIVIERA 18 (CD,F,S) J Pease 8-10-8 ..... A Proll 5
2 3509 STONE RIDGE 23 (D,F,S,S) R Hannon 8-9-13 ..... L Newman (7) 1
3 4105 SEA DANCER 2 (BF,F,S) J Bridger 5-8-6 ..... Jo Hunnam (3) 3
4 3000 JOWS 2 (D,F) J R Poulton 5-8-4 ..... P Doble (3) 6
5 6005 MADAME JONES 10 (F,S) M A Buckley 3-8-3 ..... J Bramley (7) 7
6 4224 FOREMOST SHANNON 23 (B,D,L) A Carroll 10-8-0 ..... R Studholme (3) 8
7 3052 MENDOZA 7 (D) P Mitchell 4-8-1 ..... F Fitzsimons (5) 2
8 4301 GLENDEE 7 (D,F,S) R Ingram 4-8-1 (5ex) ..... P Doe 4

7-2 Zinc, 4-1 Madame Jones, 11-2 Tobagos Riviera, 6-1 Stone Ridge, Sea Dancer, 8-1 Cheque, 9-1 Mendoza, 16-1 Dance Of Shannon.

6.10 MARTIN DOYLE RETIREMENT NOVICE MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,111: 5f 6yd) (7)

1 221 JOSHER 7 (C) M Prescott 8-9 ..... S Sanders 4
2 4 CEZANS WELLS 14 G Lewis 8-12 ..... Paul Eddery 3
3 1 UNLINKED 6 L Moore 8-12 ..... M Birch 5
4 35 ONES ENOUGH 16 (C) G L Moore 8-12 ..... R Fulton 2
5 45 REPUBLIC 99 (BF) R Hannon 8-12 ..... Dane O'Neill 1
6 40643 DAME JUDE 15 (D,S) W Muir 8-11 ..... J Reid 7
7 0 GARDEEN, 85 R Hannon 8-7 ..... M Roberts 6

7-2 Josher, 5-1 Paradise Seal, 13-2 Highwaymen, 7-1 Leading Spirit, 8-1 Republic, Flamingo Wood, 12-1 Miss Ann Miss.

6.40 SURREY RACING HANDICAP SKY
(£2,925: 7f 96yd) (18)

1 0000 TEASING SPEED 25 (C,F,S) C Wall 5-10-0 ..... G Hind 7
2 0000 REMEDY 13 (D,F,S) Mrs A Perrett 5-9-9 ..... A Clark 2
3 2135 RIVER OF LOVE 4 (F) M Johnston 3-8-3 (5ex) ..... M Roberts 3
4 0000 MAPLE ANN-MOLL 14 (BF,F) D Elsworth 5-8-1 ..... N Pollard (5) 5
5 -0000 TIMBERLAW 21 (B,CD,E,S) G L Moore 7-8-8 ..... K Fallon 6
6 0000 PROVIDENCE SOUL 7 (D,S) Chadwell 3-7-9 (5ex) ..... Paul Eddery 1
7 0000 CHEERYMAN 10 (S) M Stoute 3-8-5 ..... J Reid 8
8 0000 PRINCESS WARREN 14 (F) R J Houghton 3-8-5 ..... S Sanders 9

3-1 Cheeryman, 5-1 Paradise Seal, 13-2 Highwaymen, 7-1 Leading Spirit, 8-1 Princess Warren, 12-1 Miss Ann Miss.

7.10 BERKELEY GROUP CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,566: 1m 14yd) (4) SKY

1 150 PARIS SPORT 58 (D,S,S) E Dunlop 3-8-8 ..... K Fallon 2
2 P-60 TIRANI 67 (F,S) J Dunlop 3-8-7 ..... R Hills 1
3 0054 WINDERMERE 123 A McNae 5-8-5 ..... F Lynch 3
4 000 DOERSCHER 11 (F) J Hills 3-8-4 ..... M Hills 4

2-6 Tirani, 5-2 Doerscher, 10-1 Paris Sport, 25-1 Rainbow.

7.40 BAILEYS ORIGINAL IRISH CREAM HANDICAP (£3,593: 5f 6yd) (14) SKY

1 3420 GLEN CHIEF 14 (D,F,S) J Arnold 5-10-0 ..... M Cotton (5) 1
2 0310 XUXIDO 16 (F) A Jarvis 3-9-11 ..... S Cauthen (7) 14
3 0002 SILLY SHEEN 39 (CD,S) C Nash 4-8-9 ..... S Sanders 12
4 0000 PHILUTE LANCO 6 (D,F,S,S) R Ryan 5-8-6 ..... R Cochrane 3
5 0009 SHALSTANDEY 12 (C,F,S) G L Moore 4-8-4 ..... K Fallon 9
6 0361 MALADERISE 9 (V,D,F) M Channon 4-8-4 (5ex) ..... M Roberts 5
7 6155 ZEPPO 27 (F) B Meehan 3-8-13 ..... T Sprake 4
8 2594 ALPEN WOLF 9 W Muir 3-8-8 ..... J Reid 10
9 6000 IRON BRIDGE 7 (D,S) M Bosley 4-8-8 ..... A Clark 8
10 3000 HALF TONE 6 (B,CD,F,S,S) R Fisher 3-8-5 ..... Dane O'Neill 2
11 4300 FORGOTTEN TIMES 5 (V) R Hannon 3-8-4 ..... N Pollard (5) 13
12 0003 HEAVENLY MISS 5 (D,F) J Bridger 4-7-13 ..... R Fitzsimons (5) 11
13 0000 ABRASIVE 6 (BLT,F,S) M Usher 5-7-11 ..... J Mackay (5) 6
14 00- SINFORYOURSUPPER 365 (CD) G Margetson 4-7-10 ..... G Bardwell (7) 11

11-2 Maladerise, 6-1 Silly Sheen, Iron Bridge, 8-1 Glen Chief, Philutelanco, Alpen Wolf, Heavenly Miss, 10-1 Half Tone, 14-1 Shalstandey, Xuxido, 20-1 Forgotten Times, 25-1 others.

8.10 SURREY HERALD MAIDEN STAKES (£3,485: 1m 2f 7yd) (16) SKY

1 53 THE BAT 22 A Jarvis 5-9-7 ..... D Sweeney 4
2 6 ASTON VILLA 250 Elsworth 4-9-2 ..... N Pollard (5) 16
3 AL MAJD BARBAN E Dunlop 3-8-12 ..... J Reid 2
4 5 EMERALD FLOWER 97 J Bridger 3-8-12 ..... W Ryan 7
5 6 KIMBOY 69 R Armstrong 3-8-12 (5ex) ..... R Price 5
6 9 CROW'S NEST 96 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-7 ..... M Roberts 9
7 CUFF J Gosden 3-8-7 ..... S Sanders 6
8 5 KINGLINESS 99 Miss S Kelly 3-8-7 ..... M Tebbutt 1
9 2 KEY ACADEMY 28 C Morgan 3-8-7 ..... Paul Eddery 8
10 52 REGAL BRIDGET 90 D Elsworth 3-8-2 ..... K Fallon 10

4-1 Key Academy, 5-1 Kazi Price, 6-1 Emerald Hunter, Crow's Nest, Cuff, 7-1 Regal Bridget, 8-1 Al Majd Barbar, Kipton, 20-1 others.

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RACING: POOL BETTING ORGANISATION RECRUITS ANOTHER HIGH-PROFILE JOCKEY

McCoy joins Tote's promotion team

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent



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McCoy, congratulated by Martin Pipe after reaching 200 winners in record time at Kempton last season, will help promote the Tote

THE TOTE is set to sign up Tony McCoy, the record-breaking champion jumps jockey, to join Frankie Dettori in helping to promote the pool betting organisation and the image of racing.

The deal, which has been agreed in principle and is expected to be completed in the next few days, not only represents something of a coup for the revitalised Tote, but is confirmation of the star appeal of top riders as they attempt to win the battle with the British Horseracing Board (BHB) over allowing sponsorship on their breeches.

Dettori was signed by the Tote in April 1997 and, apart from appearing on posters and advertising material highlighting the advantages of betting with the Tote, he also makes public appearances — most recently in a Tote roadshow at Goodwood on the day the new Trifecta bet was launched.

Rob Hartnett, the Tote's spokesman, said yesterday: "Dettori is the most visible and exciting face of Flat racing. We recognise the fact that jockeys are the stars of racing and they are the people the punters most closely associate with.

"Everyday in every betting shop, multiple bets are struck purely on jockey's mounts, regardless of the name of the horses, their ability or the trainers. Frankie's potent image has done the Tote a world of good."

The Tote, sponsor of the Cheltenham Gold Cup, clearly believes that completing a famous double with McCoy can bring added advantages during the National Hunt season. He is expected to fulfil a similar role as Dettori during the winter months with various promotional campaigns and appearances.

Hartnett added: "We are obviously always keen to look at ways in which we can make the Tote a more integral part of jump racing as well as helping to promote the general image of racing, whether it be jumps or Flat, to a wider audience."

The Tote's recognition that jockeys are the stars of the game is in marked contrast to the attitude which prevails among some sections of the BHB and the Racehorse Owners' Association (ROA), who appear intent on retaining a master-servant relationship.

After the disclosure in *The Times* yesterday that Richard Dunwoody and other senior riders are prepared, if neccessary, to risk a confrontation with racing's leaders over the issue of jockey sponsorship, the issue looks set to dominate the headlines in the coming days. The belief that *the BHB has got its policy* wrong was highlighted by an excellent letter in the *Racing Post* yesterday from Shirley Brasher, a member of the ROA, who, along with her husband Chris, the former Olympic gold medalist, are keen racing enthusiasts. "To talk about or impose an owners' veto must be farcical. How can a jockey or a sponsor sign any sort of contract when they won't know how or when they will be vetoed in any one period?" she asked.

Gerard Butler is enjoying a successful start to his career as private trainer to Eric Penser and Compton Admiral, his stable star, is likely to reappear in the group three Solario Stakes at Sandown on Friday week after his victory over the much hyped Killer Instinct at Ascot last month.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Al Waffi
(3.50 Salisbury)

This well-regarded Fairy King colt was not helped by a dawdling pace on his recent debut at Newcastle. David Loder's charge can step up on that performance to maintain his trainer's fine strike-rate.

Next best: Spirit Of Love
(6.40 Sandown Park)

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER
2.00 Gymcrak Premiere. 2.30 Charlie Girl. 3.00 Trinity Reef. *3.30 Chimes Of Peace*. 4.00 Inducement. 4.30 Goretski. 5.00 Semi Circle.

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.00 SWIFTWAY.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — TOTE JACKPOT MEETING
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.00 ALLDERS OF HULL CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,183: 1m 100yd) (16 runners)

101 (2) 100241 FUTURE PROSPECT 19 (D,F,S) (G Bradley) M Johnston 4-9-10 J Carroll 71
102 (7) 410060 THREE FOR A POUND 15 (D,G,S) (Hyde Ltd) J Glover 4-9-6 S D Williams 86
103 (9) 610201 DURHAM FLYER 9 (S) (C Stevens) T Easterby 3-9-3 Pat Eddery 64
104 (14) 306618 MURPHY'S GOLD 9 (CD,F,G) (D Bussy) R Fahey 7-6-2 R Winston (3) 70
105 (1) -01000 GOLD CLIPPER 84J (D) (P Aron) M Ryan 4-9-0 G Faulkner (5) 57
106 (12) 000/0- TRAPPER NORMAN 40J (B Cullen) C Smith 6-9-0 J Tate -
107 (11) -04000 DOUBLE-J 12 (B,C,F) (D Armitage) M Brittain 4-8-12 P Robinson 57
108 (16) 010523 GYMCRAK PREMIERE 13 (E,C,F,G) (Gymcrak Racing) G Holmes 10-8-12 A Culhane 83
109 (5) 0-0005 COURT HOUSE 14 (D,G) (F Mills & W Mills) M Chapman 4-8-10 L Newton 62
110 (15) 050506 NUKUD 23 (V) (R Cook) G Oldroyd 6-6-10 M Semple (7) 32
111 (10) GEEGEE EMMARR 53J (Mrs S Barclay) S Gollings 5-8-9 C Lowther -
112 (4) DAUNTING ASSEMBLY (Mrs N Harrod) B Murray 5-8-2 K Hodgson -
113 (13) -06000 FRENCH GINGER 2 (F) (Don Enrico Incisa) Enrico Incisa 7-8-5 Kim Tinkler 75
114 (6) 0500-0 ANDITZ 49 (P Watson) J Eyre 5-8-4 R Lappin 46
115 (3) 463000 CRUZ SANTA 12 (Mrs C Lund) M Chapman 5-8-3 Clare Lund (7) 75
116 (8) 0-6000 JUNE BOUNTY 6 (V) (Gorsham Hutch Stud & D Dennis) R Cowell 5-8-2 J Quinn 59

BETTING: 4-1 Gymcrak Premiere, 5-1 Durham Flyer, 6-1 Three For A Pound, 7-1 Future Prospect, 9-1 others.
1997: PETITE RISK 3-9-4 Dean McKeown (10-1) P Hogg 14 ran

FORM FOCUS: Future Prospect beat Hyperico 3l in 9-runner claiming stakes at Wolverhampton (1m 100yd, Aw, fibresand). Durham Flyer beat Master Caster 1l in 7-runner 3yo claiming stakes at Carlisle (6f 206yd, good to soft). Double-J 15l 8th of 12 to Sharp Shuffle in selling stakes at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) with Cruz Santa (4lb better off) 19l 11th. Gymcrak Premiere 3¼l 3rd of 22 to Allinson's Mate in handicap at Doncaster (7f, good). Nukud 13l 6th of 13 to Over The Moon in claiming stakes at Wolverhampton (1m 100yd, Aw, fibresand).

GYMCRAK PREMIERE didn't get a clear run last time and can make amends.

2.30 BEVERLEY ADVERTISER FILLIES NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,342: 5f) (6 runners)

201 (3) 011310 SWEET AS A NUT 15 (CD,F,G) (Wessex Racing) C Dwyer 9-7 G Faulkner (5) 72
202 (4) 425 PENNY MOOR 15 (Greenland Park Ltd) M Johnston 9-0 D Holland 49
203 (5) 0133 CHARLIE GIRL 13 (D,F) (Mr & Mrs Holdcroft) J Berry 8-10 J Carroll 49
204 (2) 5003 SEA MINSTREL 19 (P Clifton) M Sowersby 8-6 R Winston (3) 68
205 (1) 2155 HABIBI 53 (G) (W Kelly) J Berry 7-10 Iona Wands (5) 59
206 (6) 05430 WIND IN WINNIPEG 4 (Rosaly Racing) J Wainwright 7-10 J Quinn 68

Long handicap: Habibi 7-9, Wind In Winnipeg 7-7

BETTING: 11-4 Penny Moor, 7-2 Charlie Girl, 4-1 Sweet As A Nut, Sea Minstrel, 13-2 Habibi, 8-1 others.
1997: PERFECT PEACH 9-3 T E Durcan (3-1 jt fav) J Berry 7 ran

FORM FOCUS: Sweet As A Nut 9½l 11th of 14 to My Petal in 2yo handicap at Goodwood (6f, good). Penny Moor 13l 5th of 6 to Ehuda in 2yo maiden fillies at Goodwood (6f, good). Charlie Girl 2¼l 3rd of 6 to Double Choice in 2yo handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to soft). Sea Minstrel 3¾l 3rd of 7 to Palena in 2yo maiden fillies at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). Habibi 4l 5th of 6 to Miss Take in 2yo selling stakes at Wolverhampton (6f, Aw, fibresand). Wind In Winnipeg 8½l 10th of 17 to The Nurse in 2yo selling stakes at Redcar (6f, good to firm).

SWEET AS A NUT can regain the winning thread, she got loose on the way to the start last time.

3.00 CHARLES ELSEY MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (HANDICAP)
(£3,496: 2m 35yd) (6 runners)

301 (4) 646366 BARDON HILL BOY 10 (F) (Miss M Breslin) B Hanbury 6-9-10 D Holland 65
302 (1) 111111 ON CALL 3 (D,F,G) (Mrs C D'Reilly) M Prescott 3-9-9 (6ex) G Duffield 66
303 (3) 050-14 TRINITY REEF 12 (BF,S) (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 3-9-4 Pat Eddery 73
304 (5) 452213 MONDRAGON 18 (BF,CD,F,G) (D Young) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-1 A Culhane 81
305 (6) -13248 SPA LANE 39 (CD,F,G,S) (Selby Farming) Mrs S Lamyman 5-8-6 J Quinn 76
306 (2) 3-6051 SWIFTWAY 28 (CD,G) (A White) K Hogg 4-8-5 L Charnock 93

BETTING: 6-4 On Call, 3-1 Trinity Reef, 9-2 Mondragon, 6-1 Swiftway, 7-1 Bardon Hill Boy, Spa Lane
1997: LADY OF THE LAKE 3-9-1 K Darley (9-2) J Dunlop 9 ran

FORM FOCUS: Bardon Hill Boy 5½l 6th of 11 to Bathe In Light in handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, good). On Call beat Charity Crusader ½l in 8-runner handicap at Redcar (2m 4yd, good to firm). Trinity Reef 4¼l 4th of 11 to Moon Colony in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). Mondragon 1½l 3rd of 9 to Hullbank in handicap at Redcar (2m 4yd, good to firm). Swiftway beat Mondragon (1lb better off) 2½l in 14-runner handicap at Beverley (2m 35yd, good).

TRINITY REEF should appreciate the step up in trip.

3.30 HULL DAILY MAIL HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,704: 1m 1f 207yd) (9 runners)

401 (4) 6-0032 SIMPLY SUPER 9 (G) (C Brittain) C Brittain 9-7 D Holland 53
402 (7) 604 CAMERON JACK 44 (M Terrill) J Bethell 8-11 A Culhane 46
403 (2) 004322 MARSKE MACHINE 2 (B,G,S) (Marske Machine Co) N Tinkler 8-6 Pat Eddery 75
404 (5) -01553 CHIMES OF PEACE 39 (G) (Secret Seven Partnership) J Eyre 8-6 R Winston (3) 68
405 (1) 221050 CHLO-JO 11 (D,S) (D Armitage) M Brittain 8-6 P Robinson 78
406 (6) 045210 PLEASANT DREAMS 18 (F) (J Blair) D Smith 9-5 C Lowther 63
407 (8) 015-06 MOONLIGHT FLIT 37 (C,F) (N Wrigley) J FitzGerald 8-3 J Quinn 77
408 (3) 0-000 JANET LINDUP 39 (W Gredley) B Hills 8-1 A Nicholls (5) 65
409 (9) 603136 DISCO TEX 15 (B,BF,F) (Mybank Racing) M W Easterby 7-13 L Charnock 67

BETTING: 7-2 Marske Machine, 4-1 Simply Super, 5-1 Chimes Of Peace, 6-1 Pleasant Dreams, 7-1 Janet Lindup, 10-1 Chlo-Jo, Moonlight Flit, Disco Tex, 12-1 Cameron Jack.
1997: PENSION FUND 9-7 J Fortune (5-2) M W Easterby 9 ran

FORM FOCUS: Simply Super 7l 2nd of 4 to Buzz in 3yo handicap at Ripon (1m 1f, good). Cameron Jack 12l 4th of 6 to Innuendo in 3yo maiden stakes at Pontefract (1m 2f 6yd, good). Marske Machine 1½l 2nd of 13 to Najjar in 3yo handicap at Leicester (1m 8yd, good to firm). Chimes Of Peace 5¾l 3rd of 17 to Grosvenor Spirit in 3yo stakes at Nottingham (1m 1f 213yd, good) with Janet Lindup (3lb better off) 15l 9th. Chlo-Jo 16l 16th of 17 to Tu in 3yo handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). Pleasant Dreams 9½l 8th of 9 to Allgrit in 3yo handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, good to firm). Moonlight Flit 14l 6th of 13 to Be Valiant in selling stakes at Ripon (1m 2f, good). Disco Tex 6¼l 6th of 10 to Hasta La Vista in handicap at Beverley (1m 3f 216yd, good).

Bottom-weight DISCO TEX is worth a chance at a big price.

4.00 EBF JOURNAL MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,704: 7f 100yd) (10 runners)

501 (3) 5 BERGAMO 7 (Mrs M Conti) J Noseda 9-0 G Hind 57
502 (10) 4 BOLLIN ROGER 18 (Sir Neil Westbrook) T Easterby 9-0 L Charnock -
503 (7) 03 ENCOUNTER 81 (Wyck Hall Stud) C Brittain 9-0 J Quinn 48
504 (4) 3 INDUCEMENT 60 (W Gredley) B Hills 9-0 Pat Eddery 61
505 (5) 0 MCFARLINE 21 (M Watt) J Dunlop 9-0 P Robinson 41
506 (6) 40 PERSIAN WATERS 14 (P Green) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 R Lappin 45
507 (1) 00 RIGADOON 16 (Mybank Racing) M W Easterby 9-0 S Finnamore (7) -
508 (8) 53 TAMBARANN 21 (H R H Aga Khan) Sir M Stoute 9-0 F Lynch 43
509 (2) ZEITZ (B Yeardley Continental Ltd) M Johnston 9-0 D Holland -
510 (9) 63 SALESTRIA 16 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 8-9 A Culhane 64

BETTING: 7-2 Inducement, 4-1 Bergamo, 6-1 Tambarann, 7-1 McFarline, 8-1 Persian Waters, Salestria, 10-1 others.
1997: DUE SOUTH 8-9 S Whitworth (5-1) E Dunlop 12 ran

FORM FOCUS: Bergamo 7½l 5th of 17 to Juno Marlowe in 2yo maiden stakes at Kempton (7f, good to firm). Encounter 8¾l 3rd of 7 to Distant Moon in 2yo maiden stakes at Sandown (7f 16yd, good to soft). Inducement 1½l 3rd of 9 to Focus in 2yo maiden stakes at York (6f, soft). McFarline 8¼l 10th of 16 to Saytana in 2yo maiden stakes at Sandown (7f 16yd, good to firm). Persian Waters 13l 7th of 14 to Auction House in 2yo maiden stakes at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). Tambarann 3¼l 3rd of 7 to Lasbed in 2yo maiden stakes at Catterick (5f 212yd, good). Salestria 7l 3rd of 14 to Calando in 2yo maiden fillies at Folkestone (7f, good to firm).

INDUCEMENT can step up on his York effort, and can take this from Bergamo.

4.30 49S YOUR DIRECTORY LADIES DAY HANDICAP [SHOWCASE AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE] (£7,805: 5f) (15 runners)

601 (14) 251603 NIGHT FLIGHT 9 (BF,G,S) (C Stevens) R Fahey 4-10-0 L Charnock 82
602 (4) 413434 ROYAL DREAM 22 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs B Matthews) J Berry 3-9-9 Pat Eddery 82
603 (6) 450000 BRUTAL FANTASY 61 (B,D,F,G) (Diamond Racing Ltd) J Eyre 4-9-8 R Lappin 61
604 (15) 105112 GORETSKI 7 (CD,F,G,S) (P Savill) N Tinkler 5-9-5 C Lowther 92
605 (11) 020501 FAIRY PRINCE 15 (CD,F,G) (A Murphy) Mrs A King 5-9-3 J Quinn 82
606 (12) 0-1220 PLEASURE TIME 36 (V,D,F,G) (A Needham) C Smith 5-9-1 C Carver (7) 32
607 (5) 202030 BRECONGILL LAD 12 (CD,F,G) (P D-Brown) M Hammond 6-9-0 D Holland 96
608 (8) 05-200 POETRY IN MOTION 11 (BF) (P Ebdon Racing) E Alston 3-8-13 P Robinson 58
609 (10) 002253 MAITEAMIA 16 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs Z Grant) S Bowring 5-8-12 C Teague (3) 36
610 (3) 432465 FOR THE PRESENT 19 (F,G) (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 8-8-12 A Culhane 88
611 (2) 000060 TREASURE TOUCH 12 (D,F,S) (N Honeyman) D Nicholls 4-8-10 M Richardson 74
612 (13) 003003 RUM LAD 79 (D,F,S) (B Shaw) J J Quinn 4-8-10 J Lowe 75
613 (7) 343611 DOMINELLE 4 (CD,F,G) (Sandmoor Textiles) T Easterby 6-8-9 (7ex) R Winston (3) 46
614 (9) 220403 JACKERIN 7 (B,D,F,G) (J Young) B Rothwell 3-8-8 M Fenton 98
615 (1) -50060 CAMIONNEUR 4 (B,F) (T E F Freight) T Easterby 5-7-11 P M Quinn (7) 94

BETTING: 13-2 Dominelle, 7-1 Fairy Prince, 8-1 Royal Dream, Goretski, Jackerin, 10-1 Night Flight, 12-1 others.
1997: GORETSKI 4-9-6 D Harrison (8-1) N Tinkler 14 ran

FORM FOCUS: Night Flight 3¼l 3rd of 9 to Penyston View in handicap at Ripon (6f, good). Royal Dream 4¾l 4th of 13 to Abreeze in 3yo handicap at Yarmouth (6f 3yd, good to firm). Fairy Prince beat Mousehole neck in 5-runner stakes at Beverley (5f, good). Pleasure Time 5¼l 8th of 14 to Ellens Lad in handicap at Newmarket (5f, firm). Brecongill Lad 7½l 9th of 16 to Merani in handicap at Thirsk (6f, good) with Treasure Touch (2lb better off) 12l 14th. Maiteamia 1½l 3rd of 14 to Royal Mark in handicap at Newcastle (7f, good). For The Present 4¼l 5th of 15 to Indian Spark in handicap at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). Rum Lad 2l 3rd of 10 to Golden Pound in handicap at Leicester (5f 218yd, good). Dominelle beat Spotted Eagle 1¼l in 26-runner handicap at Redcar (6f, good to firm) with Camionneur (1lb better off) 8¾l 14th. Jackerin 1¾l 3rd of 11 to Emperor Naheem in 3yo claiming stakes at Pontefract (5f, good to firm).

DOMINELLE is in great form and can complete a treble.

5.00 GRAPE LANE CLASSIFIED STAKES
(£2,373: 1m 3f 216yd) (5 runners)

1 (1) 444682 AUGUSTAN 9 (D,F,S) (R Jones) S Gollings 7-9-4 Pat Eddery 74
2 (2) 6/450 ELUSIVE STAR 9 (W Gould) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-1 A Culhane 27
3 (5) -121130 SEMI CIRCLE 12 (B,CD,G,S) (C Stevens) T Easterby 3-8-10 L Charnock 78
4 (4) 053406 LEGEND OF LOVE 55 (BF) (G Beard) J Glover 3-8-7 R Winston (3) 70
5 (3) 00-064 WON'T FORGET ME 23 (F) (I Crawford) I Semple 3-8-7 R Lappin 65

BETTING: 2-1 Augustan, 5-2 Semi Circle, 9-2 Legend Of Love, 5-1 Elusive Star, 6-1 Won't Forget Me.
1997: WELLCOME INN 3-8-7 J O'Reilly (10-1) J O'Reilly 3 ran

FORM FOCUS: Augustan 2½l 2nd of 10 to Netta Rufina in handicap at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good) with Elusive Star (11lb better off) 29l last. Semi Circle 13l 7th of 10 to Grosvenor Spirit in fillies handicap at Thirsk (1m 4f, good). Legend Of Love 16l 6th of 9 to Courage Under Fire in 3yo handicap at Southwell (1m 4f, Aw, standard). Won't Forget Me 5½l 4th of 8 to Ashleigh Baker in 3yo handicap at Ayr (1m 2f 192yd, soft).

Augustan appears in the handicapper's grip at the moment, and may find SEMI CIRCLE too quick.

THUNDERER
6.00 Meilleur. 6.30 Cool Prospect. 7.00 Claim Gebal Claim. 7.30 Voila Premiere. 8.00 Ten Past Six. 8.30 Thelonius.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.00 PEPPERMILL CATERING MAIDEN HANDICAP (£2,458: 1m 3f 16yd) (14 runners)

1 00-3 SPARTAN ROYALE 11 P Monteith 4-10-0 D Pears 14
2 -434 MEILLEUR 38 (BF) Lady Herries 4-9-5 K Darley 6
3 4/00 BADDI QUEST 42 (V) M Wane 6-9-4 A Whelan 2
4 0043 CROMER PIER 42 M Tompkins 3-9-4 Dale Gibson 11
5 -326 CASTLE FRIEND 93 M Hammond 3-8-12 J Fortune 8
6 2205 PRINCE NICHOLAS 62 [illegible] J Bramhill 7
7 0002 CULTURED JOHN 15 [illegible] T Green 10
8 05-3 PARLEZ MOI D'AMOUR 25 C Thornton 3-8-7 Dean McKeown 12
9 0050 MOUNTAIN DREAM 32 [illegible] Darren Moffatt (3) 4
10 8083 INCHAROY 22 [illegible] N Kennedy 5
11 0020 ORLEANS 82 [illegible] N Carlisle 3
12 0404 SIOLEN MUSIC [illegible] J McAuley (7) 1
13 0364 JOLLY FILLE 15 J Wainwright 3-7-10 W Supple 8
14 0000 PARDON [illegible] L Harris 6-7-10 P Fessey 10

9-2 Meilleur, 5-1 Cromer Pier, 7-1 Castle Friend, Incharoy, 8-1 Siolen Music, 10-1 Spartan Royale, Prince Nicholas, Jolly Fille, 12-1 others.

6.30 ARTHUR BALDING HANDICAP (£3,745: 6f 5yd) (18)

1 3000 BOWLERS BOY 12 (D,F,G,S) J Quinn 5-9-13 J Fortune 6
2 6310 BIRCHWOOD SUN 30 (V,CD,F,G,S) M Dods 8-9-7 J Weaver 5
3 0242 COOL PROSPECT 11 K Ryan 3-9-5 K Darley 12
4 4000 TROJAN HERO 8 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-2 S Copp (5) 18
5 00-0 SCHARNHORST 37 (B,D,F,S) A Dickman 6-9-2 P Fessey 10
6 0046 SKYERS FLYER 7 (D,F,S) M Wane 4-9-0 A Whelan 13
7 0006 JOLMAT JOHN 19 (D,S) E Alston 6-8-10 W Supple 4
8 0113 HANBY 9 (BF,C,D,G,S) J Goldie 6-8-10 R Fowley (7) 2
9 0050 KETTLESING 28 (B,F,S) M [illegible] 3-8-6 T Lucas 9
10 50 MISTER WESTSOUND 12 [illegible] L Perratt 6-8-7 N Kennedy 7
11 1400 BIFF-EM 8 (CD,F,G) Miss L Perratt 4-8-5 Dean McKeown 17
12 5052 SYCAMORE LODGE 8 (BF,D,G) D Nicholls 7-8-4 P Goode (7) 11
13 0065 HENRY THE HAWK 7 (CD,F,S) M Dods 7-8-4 Dale Gibson 8
14 0626 BALLARD LADY 11 (V,CD,G,S) J Wainwright 6-8-9 S Maloney 15
15 0620 DUBAI NURSE 8 A Dickman 4-7-13 J McAuley (7) 3
16 006 ANOTHER NIGHTMARE 8 (CD,S) R McKellar 6-7-10 D Moffatt (3) 14
17 0002 GUEST ENVOY 9 C Allen 3-7-10 N Carlisle 16
18 6300 TOM 9 (V) J Hetherton 3-7-10 J Bramhill 1

13-2 Sycamore Lodge, 7-1 Hanby, 8-1 Cool Prospect, Guest Envoy, 10-1 others.

7.00 SOREEN SLICED SELLING STAKES (QUALIFIER 2-Y-O SERIES FINAL) (2-Y-O: £2,556: 5f 4yd) (8) — SKY

1 5085 BOOFABI SIGNET 4 (BF) M W Easterby 8-12 T Lucas 5
2 3438 CLAIM GEBAL CLAIM 16 Mrs A Swinbank 8-12 J Fortune 2
3 MAN OF THE NIGHT J J O'Neill 8-12 D Pears 3
4 0009 RED AMAZON 18 J Berry 8-12 K Darley 7
5 800 SHARP EDGE BOY 18 E Alston 8-12 W Supple 4
6 0 THORNEYHOLME BOY 7 K Ryan 8-12 J Carroll 6
7 CICCIA Miss L Perratt 8-7 P Fessey 1
8 050 TIME TEMPTRESS 15 G M Moore 8-7 J McAuley (7) 8

9-4 Red Amazon, 7-2 Boofabi Signet, Claim Gebal Claim, 8-1 others.

7.30 SCOTTISH SUPERMART HANDICAP (£3,501: 1m 5f 9yd) (7) — SKY

1 156 TOUCHEZ DU BOIS 82 (C,S) M Johnston 3-9-11 J Carroll 4
2 0020 DARGO 40 C Thornton 4-8-7 Dean McKeown 1
3 -056 VOILA PREMIERE 18 (C,G) Lady Herries 6-9-7 K Darley 5
4 0520 KINTAVI 15 (CD,F,S) T Donnelly 8-9-3 P Fessey 6
5 -055 TEMPTRESS 97 (BF,F,S) J L Harris 5-9-1 J Fortune 3
6 -361 PHILMIST 11 (B,C,G,S) Miss L Perratt 6-8-13 N Kennedy 2
7 1444 LORD ADVOCATE 40 (V,CD,S) D Nolan 10-8-4 D McGaffin (7) 7

5-2 Voila Premiere, 5-1 Touchez du Bois, 11-2 Philmist, Lord Advocate, 6-1 Temptress, 7-1 Dargo, Kintavi.

8.00 RAITH CLASSIFIED CLAIMING STAKES (£2,388: 1m 1f 36yd) (13) — SKY

1 0122 TEN PAST SIX 28 (V,C,F,G) M Wane 6-9-11 J Carroll 12
2 0-05 TRAILBLAZER 43 C Thornton 4-9-11 Dean McKeown 8
3 3-66 SABRE DANCER 14 L R Allan 4-9-3 J Weaver 6
4 0062 BRAMBLES WAY 19 (F) Mrs M Reveley 9-9-1 S Copp (5) 10
5 0808 RAGTIME COWGIRL 11 (C,G) D Nolan 5-8-10 D McGaffin (7) 2
6 3546 CELEBRATION CAKE 2 (C,F,S) Miss L Perratt 6-8-9 J Fortune 4
7 000 MY HANDSOME PRINCE 30 J P Bevan 6-8-9 N Carlisle 11
8 -660 TIBBI BLUES 9 J Goldie 11-8-6 K Darley 3
9 0100 WALTZ TIME 8 (G) I Semple 4-8-6 J McAuley (7) 2
10 00/5 SPRING LOADED 33 (C,F,G,S) D Nolan 7-8-5 K Hodgson 13
11 8000 GRAND HOTEL 23 (B,D) R McKellar 4-8-3 Dale Gibson 9
12 50-0 PHILGEM 11 (C,S) T Cuthbert 5-8-2 J Bramhill 5
13 40-0 WOODETTO 9 E Weymes 4-8-1 W Supple 1

3-1 Brambles Way, 7-2 Ten Past Six, 9-2 Celebration Cake, 7-1 Trailblazer, 8-1 Waltz Time, 12-1 Woodetto, 14-1 Philgem, 20-1 Sabre Dancer, 25-1 Tibbi Blues, 33-1 others.

8.30 WISHAW MAIDEN HANDICAP (£2,850: 1m 65yd) (13)

1 3400 THELONIUS 6 J G Smyth-Osbourne 3-10-0 R Perham 1
2 020- TWO ON THE BRIDGE 309 (BF) D Smith 4-9-11 J Weaver 2
3 3404 DESERT CAT 9 M Wane 5-9-4 A Whelan 6
4 0002 ZIBAK 12 J Goldie 4-9-0 K Darley 13
5 5043 TILAAL 12 M Hammond 6-9-0 D Pears 9
6 4560 SABRE BUTT 7 (B) M Tompkins 3-8-11 Dale Gibson 10
7 0049 SPARKLING HARRY 5 Miss L Siddall 4-8-11 J Carroll 11
8 05-0 NORTHERN ACCORD 9 (BF) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-7 J Fortune 3
9 6000 TAJ MAHAL 9 C Thornton 3-8-3 N Carlisle 5
10 0055 LESLEY'S ADVENTURE 7 E Alston 3-8-3 W Supple 7
11 4000 ALBERKINNIE 12 J L Harris 3-8-2 P Fessey 12
12 0502 GET A LIFE 9 (B) M Britain 5-7-10 S Maloney 4
13 0000 MILLEMAY 11 J Goldie 8-7-10 R Fowley (7) 8

11-2 Zibak, 6-1 Thelonius, 7-1 Desert Cat, Tilaal, Sabre Butt, Get A Life, 8-1 Two On The Bridge, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Tompkins, 13 winners from 32 runners, 40.6%; M W Easterby, 6 from 29, 20.7%; M Johnston, 38 from 184, 20.7%; J Berry, 36 from 238, 15.1%; Mrs M Reveley, 19 from 129, 14.7%; C Thornton, 12 from 82, 14.6%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 45 winners from 166 rides, 27.1%; J Fortune, 28 from 143, 19.6%; D Pears, 6 from 37, 16.2%; K Darley, 31 from 193, 16.1%; N Kennedy, 15 from 99, 15.2%; S Copp, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

Blinkered first time

Beverley: 2.00 Double-J, June Bounty. 4.30 Brutal Fantasy. Brighton: 2.40 The Thruster. 3.40 Daneswan. Salisbury: 4.20 Tropical Forest. 4.50 Mary Culi. Hamilton Park: 6.00 Baddi Quest. 6.30 Scharnhorst. 8.30 Get A Life. Sandown Park: 7.40 Shalstayholy. Nottingham: 7.20 Antonia's Choice.

SALISBURY

THUNDERER
2.20 Greensand. 2.50 Duello. 3.20 Zante. 3.50 Al Waffi. 4.20 Slims Lady. 4.50 Jungle Story.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.20 **MUTAMAYYAZ** (nap). 3.20 Zante. 3.50 Al Waffi.

GOING: FIRM — SIS
DRAW: HIGH NUMBERS BEST IN SPRINTS

2.20 EBF SANDOWN MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,701: 6f) (15 runners)

1 (15) BALSOX J Dunlop 9-0 G Carter -
2 (9) 0 DALBY OF YORK 16 P Cole 9-0 C Rutter 43
3 (3) GRISLING GIBBONS J Dunlop 9-0 J Reid -
4 (8) MAIDAAN M Channon 9-0 L Dettori -
5 (4) 02 MAPLE 86 D Elsworth 9-0 N Pollard (5) 66
6 (14) MUTAMAYYAZ J Gosden 9-0 R Hills -
7 (2) 0 PAGAN KING 16 J Toller 9-0 S Sanders 45
8 (12) RIMMAS B Meehan 9-0 K Fallon -
9 (5) 0 SAINT GEORGE 27 G Balding 9-0 S Drowne -
10 (1) SHELLEY G McCourt 9-0 R Studholme (5) -
11 (7) STAR OF QATAR R Hodges 9-0 R Price -
12 (10) 0 THOMAS HENRY 31 J S Moore 9-0 A Clark 12
13 (6) 03 GREENSAND 9 R Hannon 8-9 R Hughes [illegible]
14 (13) 0 OBAN BALL 87 R Hannon 8-9 R Perham 35
15 (11) 5 ZABAAD 16 (BF) M Tregoning 8-9 T Sprake 57

3-1 Mutamayyaz, 5-1 Maidaan, 6-1 Greensand, 8-1 Grisling Gibbons, 10-1 others.

2.50 VIOLET APPLIN CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP
(£2,916: 1m 1f 198yd) (11)

1 (1) 10-0 IL PRINCIPE 18 (F,G) John Berry 4-9-13 R French 72
2 (5) 3-00 RENOWN 22 (D,F) Lord Huntingdon 6-9-10 L Dettori -
3 (3) 306- CANONIZE 321 (BF) J Hills 3-9-6 R Hills 45
4 (4) 805- BRONZINO 281 G Balding 3-9-4 S Drowne 62
5 (6) 4043 DUELLO 7 (F,S) M Blanshard 7-9-1 M Roberts 66
6 (2) 2056 ARCIONADO 8 (G) R Hodges 4-9-0 R Cochrane 77
7 (11) 0000 SILVER GROOM 11 (D,F,S) M Channon 8-9-0 K Fallon 98
8 (10) 0600 RITUAL RUN 12 R Hannon 3-9-0 R Hughes 28
9 (8) 0320 GROOMS GOLD 11 (D,F) P Harris 6-9-0 N Callan (5) 78
10 (9) 5620 BLOCKADE 19 (C,D,F,G) M Bell 9-8-12 M Hills 64
11 (7) 00-0 DOWNCLOSE DUCHESS 11 P Eccles 3-7-12 N Pollard (5) 62

7-2 Duello, 4-1 Grooms Gold, 11-2 Blockade, 13-2 Il Principe, 7-1 others.

3.20 UPAVON FILLIES STAKES [SHOWCASE RACE] (Listed: £9,963: 1m 1f 198yd) (8)

1 (3) 3304 INSEPARABLE 30 (G) Lady Herries 6-9-0 A Clark 85
2 (4) 040- SIDE BY SIDE 248 (D,G,S) Mrs A Johnson 5-9-0 L Dettori -
3 (1) 5520 SIGNS AND WONDERS 14 (D) C Cyzer 4-9-0 R Cochrane 81
4 (8) 2105 PUTUNA 19 (D,S) I Balding 3-8-8 M Roberts [illegible]
5 (6) 1- HOUSEKEEPER 289 (G) B Chadbon 3-8-5 T Sprake 88
6 (2) 11 INNUENDO 26 (CD,G) L Cumani 3-8-5 J Reid 40
7 (7) -101 ROBSART 34 (D,F,S) J Fanshawe 3-8-5 G Carter 82
8 (5) 125 ZANTE 11 (G) H Cecil 3-8-5 K Fallon 84

2-1 Innuendo, 5-2 Zante, 13-2 Inseparable, 7-1 Putuna, 8-1 others.

3.50 ISLE OF WIGHT NOVICE STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,350: 6f 212yd) (7)

1 (1) 2 AL WAFFI 18 (BF) D Loder 8-12 L Dettori 18
2 (3) 00 CHIEF ABBA 40 R Hannon 8-12 R Hughes -
3 (7) 50 GOLDEN RAINBOW 25 B Millman 8-12 T Sprake 32
4 (4) LEDHAM M Stoute 8-12 J Reid -
5 (6) 0050 SEPTEMBER HARVEST 7 B Meehan 8-12 C Rutter 58
6 (2) 1 MISS DRAGONFLY 21 (D,F) B Hills 8-11 M Hills 83
7 (5) 00 SILVER BLADE 19 A Newcombe 8-7 S Drowne -

7-4 Miss Dragonfly, 2-1 Al Waffi, 11-4 Ledham, 14-1 Chief Abba, 16-1 others.

4.20 BEMBRIDGE CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,290: 6f 212yd) (12)

1 (8) 53 SHOOT THE RAPIDS 11 R Hannon 9-3 R Hughes 40
2 (7) 0 RIVER BOY 21 P Shakespeare 9-1 R Cochrane -
3 (6) 022 MAGIC MEMORIES 11 D Elsworth 9-0 N Pollard (5) 47
4 (5) 52 APOLLINAIRE 37 W Muir 8-11 G Carter 33
5 (12) 00 ROBERGERIE 32 M Channon 8-11 C Rutter 13
6 (11) 2150 LA TAVERNETTA 5 (D,F) B Meehan 8-10 G Hannon (7) 56
7 (1) 000 FAIRFIELD BAY 37 Mrs P Dutfield 8-9 A Clark 27
8 (10) 063 SLIMS LADY 29 (BF) K Burke 8-8 N Callan (5) 48
9 (3) 0 MELODY LADY 11 Mrs L Stubbs 8-7 M Roberts 25
10 (9) 00 RIVER'S SPARKLE 19 G Balding 8-2 S Drowne -
11 (4) 5250 SPENDTHEPROC-EDE'S 32 W G M Turner 8-2 T Sprake [illegible]
12 (2) 0500 TROPICAL FOREST 7 (V) M Kettle 7-10 R French 38

7-2 Spendtheproc-Ede's, 4-1 Slims Lady, 9-2 Magic Memories, 11-2 others.

4.50 KNIGHTS FILLIES HANDICAP
(£2,884: 1m 4f) (10)

1 (9) 1018 CHEEK TO CHEEK 21 (D,F,S) C Dwyer 4-10-0 W Ryan 53
2 (7) 0024 JUMBLE STORY 10 (B) P Webber 3-9-8 R Cochrane 78
3 (1) 1252 WINGS AWARDED 12 (D,F) M Channon 3-9-1 G Carter 79
4 (10) 0000 SILVERY 47 (B) S Woodman 4-8-13 R French 80
5 (2) 5486 ZANY LADY 8 R Hodges 3-8-13 S Drowne 54
6 (6) 3365 NINELLA 11 (D,F) R Hannon 3-8-8 R Hughes 73
7 (3) 0024 MIGHTY MAGIC 7 D Elsworth 3-8-7 A Daly (3) 71
8 (8) 4630 MARY CULI 40 (V) H Candy 4-8-7 C Rutter 77
9 (4) 8-80 BUBELLE 26 J King 8-7-11 S Bardwell 58
10 (5) 5880 KEEPSAKE 26 (CD,F) M Usher 4-7-10 R Street [illegible]

3-1 Jungle Story, 9-2 Wings Awarded, 11-2 Cheek To Cheek, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; L Cumani, 8 from 29, 27.6%; W G M Turner, 5 from 20, 25.0%; J Gosden, 13 from 53, 24.5%; H Cecil, 6 from 30, 20.0%; Lord Huntingdon, 12 from 63, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 23 winners from 90 rides, 25.6%; K Fallon, 7 from 29, 24.1%; R Hills, 9 from 57, 15.8%; W Ryan, 6 from 38, 15.8%; G Carter, 7 from 50, 14.0%; J Reid, 23 from 169, 13.6%.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER
5.40 Caerdydd Fach. 6.20 Glowing. 6.50 Little Chapel. 7.20 Top Of The Form. 7.50 Free. 8.20 Pressurise.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

5.50 RAINWORTH MINERS WELFARE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,110: 6f 15yd) (14 runners)

1 00 POWER GLOW 8 J Bradley 8-11 J Tate 9
2 00 SOUNDS COOL 57 S Bowring 8-11 F Norton 3
3 TEMPERATE J Bradley 8-11 T Williams 6
4 4202 BODFARI ANNA 4 (B) M W Easterby 8-6 G Parkin 4
5 63 CAERDYDD FACH 16 (BF) J Hills 8-6 M Henry 5
6 3 CRYSTAL ROSIE 7 Mrs A Swinbank 8-6 G Duffield 8
7 0326 DONE AND DUSTED 41 (BF) J Berry 8-6 S D Williams 13
8 660 KISSIMMEE BAY 15 N Tinkler 8-6 Kim Tinkler 2
9 LIGHT ON THE WAVES M Pipe 8-6 J Fanning 1
10 0600 MOTTARET 12 B Rothwell 8-6 J Stack 12
11 0244 PATSYS FOREM 7 M Blanshard 8-6 A Mackay 14
12 PHYLOZZO P Evans 8-6 L Newton 11
13 400 RED CAFE 18 P Evans 8-6 D O'Donohoe 10
14 44 STUTTON GAL 12 J Wharton 8-6 R Smith (7) 7

7-2 Bodfari Anna, 4-1 Crystal Rosie, 6-1 Caerdydd Fach, 8-1 Done And Dusted, 10-1 Kissimmee Bay, Light On The Waves, Patsys Forem, Stutton Gal, 14-1 others.

6.20 CHURCH WARSOP MINERS WELFARE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,616: 6f 15yd) (14)

1 4050 BLACK ORPHEUS 43 P Felgate 9-0 G Parkin 5
2 0-5 CLIFTON WOOD 19 J Glover 9-0 S D Williams 11
3 0450 CLOHAMON 48 S Kettlewell 9-0 M Fenton 4
4 EUROLINK MOUSSAKA C Wall 9-0 M Rimmer 3
5 00 FAR CRY 11 M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 2
6 6040 THE WOODCOCK 81 J Hanson 9-0 E Johnson 9
7 0004 ATLANTA 14 G Woodward 8-9 L Newton 7
8 5042 EMMAJOUN 30 W G M Turner 8-9 R Smith (7) 8
9 0000 FARNDON PRINCESS 11 R Hollinshead 8-9 T Williams 14
10 3243 GLOWING 13 J Fanshawe 8-9 D O'Donohoe 6
11 05 JUST MAGIC 29 M Blanshard 8-9 A Mackay 1
12 605 MISS GREEN 21 J Hills 8-9 M Henry 13
13 0000 MISS PUGH 16 Enrico Incisa 8-9 Kim Tinkler 10
14 0000 SUPACALIFRAGILISTIX 18 (B) J Balding 8-9 J Edmunds 12

7-2 Glowing, 5-1 The Woodcock, 11-2 Emmajoun, 7-1 Atlanta, 8-1 others.

6.50 TATTERSALLS NOVICE AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,143: 6f 15yd) (9)

1 1 ABE 29 (D,S) C Drew 8-11 F Jovine 7
2 4301 IVORY'S PROMISE 8 (V,G) K Ivory 8-10 C Lowther 8
3 4 LOUGH SWILLY 16 B Hills 8-9 D Holland 6
4 00 STEVE'S HOT 34 M Jarvis 8-5 P Robinson 3
5 STORM WEAVE Mrs A Swinbank 8-4 G Duffield 4
6 0 MISTER PQ 14 J G Smyth-Osbourne 8-3 F Norton 1
7 0041 DAZZLING QUINTET 15 (G) C Smith 8-2 M Henry 5
8 023 LITTLE CHAPEL 10 (BF) D Ffrench Davis 8-0 J Quinn 2
9 0 STREAK FREE 34 G Bravery 8-0 D O'Donohoe 9

9-4 Lough Swilly, 4-1 Little Chapel, 9-2 Dazzling Quintet, 11-2 Abe, 7-1 others.

7.20 RJB MINING/CLIPSTONE MINERS WELFARE FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,106: 5f 13yd) (10)

1 0362 LADY SHERIFF 8 (B,D,G) M Easterby 7-10-0 S Finnamore (7) 6
2 0604 TOP OF THE FORM 15 (D,F,G) K Ryan 4-9-9 R Winston (3) 4
3 1301 SUNSET HARBOUR 8 (D,F,G) S Kettlewell 5-9-3 (6ex) M Fenton 8
4 6040 ANTONIA'S CHOICE 14 (V,D,G) J Berry 4-9-2 Iona Wands (5) 9
5 4434 GOLD EDGE 39 (F) Enrico Incisa 4-8-12 Kim Tinkler 2
6 0304 SHE'S A GEM 9 Mrs M Macauley 3-8-11 G Duffield 5
7 2369 RISE 'N SHINE 118 (D) C Cyzer 4-8-8 C Lowther 1
8 6000 LA DOYENNE 9 (D,G) C Boom 4-8-3 A Culhane 3
9 6008 LUNAR MUSIC 13 (B,D,F) S Bowring 4-7-12 F Norton 10
10 0600 PABELLA BLUEBIRD 8 (V) G Oldroyd 3-7-10 J Quinn 7

7-2 Lady Sheriff, 9-2 Sunset Harbour, 6-1 Top Of The Form, 7-1 others.

7.50 HARRINGTONS/GREASLEY MINERS WELFARE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,132: 1m 6f 15yd) (7)

1 0551 NETTA RUFINA 9 (S) M Johnston 9-12 (5ex) D Holland 7
2 6230 TIYE 15 D Williams 9-0 D Griffiths (3) 1
3 -564 FREE 11 Mrs M Reveley 8-13 A Culhane 2
4 -404 ABSENTEE 18 J L Harris 8-12 C Lowther 5
5 0452 TEREYNA 32 R Johnson Houghton 8-10 T Williams 3
6 0045 FLYING CLOUDS 19 M Blanshard 7-10 A Mackay 6
7 0065 CAPERCAILLIE 28 D Morris 7-10 F Norton 4

9-4 Netta Rufina, 7-2 Tereyna, 5-1 Free, 6-1 Tiye, Absentee, 10-1 others.

8.20 MANSFIELD BREWERY/CALVERTON MINERS WELFARE HANDICAP (£2,679: 2m 9yd) (6)

1 0400 CANADIAN FANTASY 11 (S) Mrs V Ward 4-10-0 D O'Donohoe 6
2 2050 CHABROL 18 (F) K Wingrove 5-9-3 J Quinn 4
3 5-08 CHILDREN'S CHOICE 12 (C,D,F,G,S) D Morris 7-9-3 F Norton 1
4 0-11 PRESSURISE 16 (CD,F) M Prescott 3-8-13 G Duffield 2
5 0503 BOWLED OVER 15 (F) C Cyzer 5-8-13 C Lowther 5
6 0532 OLD RED 7 (BF,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 8-8-5 A Culhane 3

7-4 Pressurise, 2-1 Old Red, 5-1 Bowled Over, 7-1 Chabrol, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 11 winners from 41 runners, 26.8%; J Fanshawe, 11 from 51, 21.6%; M Jarvis, 7 from 37, 18.9%; J Hills, 8 from 51, 15.7%; B Hills, 8 from 61, 13.1%; B Rothwell, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

JOCKEYS: D O'Donohoe, 5 winners from 27 rides, 18.5%; G Duffield, 19 from 120, 15.8%; D Holland, 10 from 71, 14.1%; P Robinson, 10 from 85, 11.8%; M Fenton, 13 from 112, 11.6%; M Henry, 6 from 59, 10.2%.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Ayr
Going: good to soft, soft in places
2.15 (7f) 1, Acceleration (L Dettori, evens fav, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Autocrat (7-1); 3, Ice (5-2). 6 ran. NR: Floorsotheforest. Nk, 5l. J Gosden. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £1.70. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.98.
2.45 (7f) 1, Patsy Culsyth (Kim Tinkler, 12-1); 2, Snappy Times (8-1); 3, Porcellino (15-2). Kolby (6/5) 3-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Algeria, Princess. 1l, ¾l. N Tinkler. Tote: £14.70; £3.00, £2.80, £3.40. DF: £32.10. CSF: £97.53. Tricast: £729.53.
3.15 (6f) 1, Always Alight (K Fallon, 9-4, Thunderer's nap); 2, Speed [illegible] (6-2); 3, Long Siege (7-4 fav). [illegible] Butler. Tote: [illegible] CSF: £7.43.
3.45 (1m) 1, Abajany (L Dettori, 4-1 co-fav); 2, Magic Mill (12-1); 3, Sorrento Boy (4-1 co-fav). Asset Manager 4-1 co-fav. 9 ran. 3l, hd. M Channon. Tote: £5.30; £1.90, £5.20, £1.70. DF: £34.60. Tricast: £318.80. CSF: £48.97. Tricast: £189.08.
4.15 (1m 2f) 1, Manful (N Kennedy, 5-1); 2, Our People (5-1); 3, Beau Roberto (4-1). Riccarton (4th) 9-4 fav. 7 ran. Sh hd, 4l. Miss L Perratt. Tote: £5.00; £3.00, £4.80. DF: £17.00. CSF: £24.99.
4.45 (1m 7f) 1, Give An Inch (J McAuley, 9-2, Timekeeper's top rating); 2, Northern Motto (3-1 fav); 3, Compass Pointer (16-1). 10 ran. 7l, hd. W Storey. Tote: £5.40; £1.50, £1.80, £2.20. DF: £27.50. CSF: £16.95. Tricast: £182.30.
Jackpot: not won (pool of £4,366.71 carried forward to Beverley today).
Placepot: £103.20 Quadpot: £23.30

Bath
Going: firm, good to firm in places
2.00 (1m 5yd) 1, The Green Grey (Martin Dwyer, 8-1); 2, I Can't Remember (7-2 jt fav); 3, Rocky Spinney (5-1). Persian Sabre (4th) 7-2 jt fav. 11 ran. Nk, 3l. W Muir. Tote: £5.60; £1.60, £1.70, £2.40. DF: £7.50. CSF: £24.58.
2.30 (1m 5yd) 1, Estenaise Prince (S Sanders, 7-1); 2, Bestamor (3-1 fav); 3, Balyddearn (40-1); 4, Velvet Jones (33-1). [illegible] Tote: £8.40; £1.80, £1.20, £8.50, £6.00. DF: £10.50. CSF: £28.36. Tricast: £800.23.
3.00 (5f 11yd) 1, Deadly Nightshade (N Pollard, 7-2); 2, Price of Passion (25-1); 3, Corndavon (7-2). Dahahah (6th) 6-4 fav. 14 ran. NR: Beyonal. 2½l, nk. D Elsworth. Tote: £4.20; £1.40, £3.90, £1.40. DF: £80.80. CSF: £92.73.
3.30 (2m 1f 34yd) 1, Fast Forward Fred (A Clark, 6-4 fav); 2, Sherwood (9-4); 3, Mu-Tadil (5-1). 5 ran. Nk, 1l. L Montague Hall. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £2.30. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.69.
4.00 (5f 11yd) 1, Mousehole (P Robinson, 11-4 fav); 2, Bramble Bear (6-1); 3, Sergeant (11-2). 12 ran. 1¾l, ½l. R Guest. Tote: £3.80; £1.70, £2.20, £2.90. DF: £10.70. CSF: £19.54.
4.30 (5f 161yd) 1, Entropy (R Hughes, 6-4); 2, Choral Express (6-1); 3, Arbor Ealis (16-1). Sarabandre (4th) 15-8 fav. 6 ran. 3l, 3¼l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.70; £2.40, £2.90. DF: £18.40. CSF: £44.45.
5.00 (1m 5f 22yd) 1, Al's Alibi (J Reid, 5-1); 2, Fletcher (10-1); 3, Fay Homage (9-2). [illegible] Sh hd, 1¾l. W [illegible] Tote: £6.70, £2.20. DF: £20.80. [illegible] Quadpot: £20.80.

Monday's late details

Thirsk
Going: good to firm, firm in places
8.10 (2m) 1, Jardar (A Culhane, 13-8 fav); 2, Our Way (8-1); 3, Kickonsun (11-2). Galdes 13-8 fav. 11 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £10.20; £2.10, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £31.50. CSF: £46.70. Tricast: £248.50.

8.35 (5f) 1, Diamond Decorum (J F Egan, 5-1 fav); 2, Upper Chamber (11-1); 3, Astonished (9-2). 14 ran. 2½l, ¾l. P Evans. Tote: £4.30; £1.90, £2.40, £2.00. DF: £28.20. CSF: £37.75.
7.05 (5f) 1, Wishbone Alley (Dale Gibson, 7-1); 2, Tancred Times (7-2 fav); 3, Cumbrian Caruso (6-1). 11 ran. 1l, 2½l. M Dods. Tote: £9.30; £2.80, £1.40, £2.80. DF: £16.90. CSF: £29.17. Tricast: £130.52.
7.35 (7f) 1, Spontaneity (J F Egan, 5-1); 2, Moon Glow (5-1); 3, May I Say (3-1 fav). 15 ran. NR: Sixth of The Blues. 4l, ¾l. P Evans. Tote: £6.30; £2.10, £1.40, £2.10. DF: £24.10. CSF: £29.08.
8.05 (1m) 1, Falls O'Moness (W Supple, 16-1); 2, Wilson (4-1 fav); 3, Skyers Tryer (12-1); 4, Final Claim (25-1). 17 ran. NR: Densben. 4l, 1l. E Alston. Tote: £20.90; £4.80, £1.90, £4.40, £6.70. DF: £56.60. CSF: £78.08. Tricast: £785.04.
8.35 (1m) 1, Gaily Mill (S Whitworth, 11-2); 2, Dancing Em (6-1); 3, Welcome Sunset (5-2). Nevasky (5th) 9-4 fav. 8 ran. 1¼l, 2l. I Balding. Tote: £7.90; £2.10, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £31.20. CSF: £30.19. Tricast: £76.00.
Placepot: £111.70 Quadpot: £21.40

Leicester
Going: good to firm
5.55 (7f 9yd) 1, Elm Dust (Pat Eddery, 6-1); 2, Creme Caramel (8-11 fav); 3, Compton Amber (9-2). 14 ran. Sh hd, 7l. J Dunlop. Tote: £7.00; £1.90, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £4.00. CSF: £9.28.
6.20 (5f 218yd) 1, Brookhead Brandy (K Fallon, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Gypsy Music (9-1); 3, True Love Ways (8-1). Poco (5th) 3-1 jt-fav. 8 ran. 3l, hd. P Evans. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £2.10, £2.60. DF: £20.60. CSF: £28.20. Tricast: £178.25.
6.50 (1m 8yd) 1, Najjar (K Fallon, 9-2); 2, Marske Machine (11-2); 3, Ulerma (16-1). Lydian (5th) 11-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Murmoon. 1¼l, 2½l. J FitzGerald. Tote: £4.50; £2.40, £1.80, £9.00. DF: £13.80. CSF: £27.32. Tricast: £249.72.
7.20 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, City Gambler (R Cochrane, 8-1); 2, Chocolate [illegible]; 3, Diminutive (5-2 fav). 8 ran. Sh hd, hd. G Bravery. Tote: £9.30; £2.20, £8.80. DF: £11.50. CSF: £78.11.
7.50 (7f 9yd) 1, Santa Faye (R Havlin, 14-1); 2, Bewitch (5-1); 3, Fire Goddess (8-1). Kilcullen 7-4 fav. 12 ran. 2l, 2½l. B Palling. Tote: £18.40; £2.70, £1.80, £3.10. DF: £25.80. CSF: £81.79.
8.20 (5f 218yd) 1, Cadeaux Cher (R Cochrane, 8-11 fav); 2, Piccolo Cativo (12-1); 3, Bleeding Princess (7-1). 5 ran. 4l, 1¾l. B Hills. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £3.40. DF: £8.00. CSF: £9.08.
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Trainers: J Dunlop, 12 winners from 49 runners, 24.5%; M Johnston, 30 from 133, 22.6%; Sir M Stoute, 5 from 27, 18.5%; J Berry, 24 from 137, 17.5%; Mrs J Ramsden, 17 from 109, 15.6%; P Harris, 4 from 26, 15.4%. Jockeys: Pat Eddery, 7 winners from 30 rides, 23.3%; C Lowther, 5 from 30, 16.7%; M Fenton, 14 from 87, 16.1%; J Carroll, 18 from 127, 14.2%; Alex Greaves, 6 from 47, 12.8%.

Brighton
Trainers: Sir M Stoute, 6 winners from 19 runners, 31.6%; M Pipe, 4 from 15, 26.7%; K Ivory, 9 from 42, 21.4%; Miss G Kelleway, 17 from 80, 21.3%; R Hannon, 37 from 225, 16.4%; J Toller, 3 from 20, 15.0%. Jockeys: Dane O'Neill, 27 winners from 158 rides, 17.1%; Martin Dwyer, 10 from 60, 16.7%; D Sweeney, 8 from 58, 13.8%; S Whitworth, 14 from 111, 12.6%; D Biggs, 8 from 71, 11.3%.

Sandown Park
Trainers: Sir M Stoute, 28 winners from 142 runners, 19.7%; M Johnston, 11 from 59, 18.6%; C Wall, 5 from 28, 17.9%; Sir M Prescott, 4 from 23, 17.4%; J Dunlop, 22 from 128, 17.2%; D Elsworth, 12 from 80, 15.0%. Jockeys: N Pollard, 4 winners from 23 rides, 17.4%; K Fallon, 15 from 88, 17.0%; R Hills, 15 from 120, 12.5%; M Hills, 16 from 129, 12.4%; M Roberts, 16 from 140, 11.4%; J Reid, 26 from 231, 11.3%.

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CRICKET

Atherton rewarded as Hick gets a stay of execution

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

SIX of the victorious Test team from Headingley were named yesterday in England's one-day squad for the triangular tournament that begins on Friday, and two of them will have been pleasantly surprised at their inclusion. For Michael Atherton, it is an unexpected opportunity to fulfil an ambition to play in the World Cup next year. For Graeme Hick, it is his last chance at international level.

Amid the euphoria of Leeds, only the flint-hearted could fail to find a spot of sympathy for Hick. Ian Salisbury and, to some extent, Andrew Flintoff, whose second Test brought him a mortifying "pair" and no wickets. Flintoff, however, has begun his England career with two wins, something few players can claim, and though he is a surprising omission from the one-day party, he will not be marginalised.

For Hick and Salisbury, there can be no such assurance. David Lloyd, the England coach, spoke with feeling yesterday about the need to identify a certain type of cricketer, those whose talent does not wither in the heat, and the way Hick batted and Salisbury bowled when under pressure at Headingley renders their inclusion in this category highly questionable.

"There is no room for iffy characters in our side now," Lloyd said. "You've got to be strong, to believe in yourself. You can put all kinds of modern jargon to it — bottle, heart, pride, passion — but it's all got to be there." Lloyd might have been making the case for the continued exclusion of the unpredictable Andrew Caddick, but he may also have had in mind the frail, flawed talents of Hick and Salisbury.

Hick, in the second innings, was the victim of a superbly executed sucker punch. Allan Donald, following up on a ferocious short-ball stint by himself and Shaun Pollock, delivered an outrageously slower ball that Hick could only flap straight to cover. His expression as he left the scene indicated a man suddenly aware of his destiny. He joined in the post-match celebrations but retained a look of distraction, perhaps a feeling that, for him, it was triumph and farewell. The selectors have reprieved him, or at least that is how his selection among the 14 to contest games against Sri Lanka, South Africa and possibly a final at Lord's might be viewed. It is, however, no more than a partial pardon.

"Nobody doubts he can play," David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, said yesterday. "We are giving him a chance to show he should be part of our World Cup plans." Unsaid, though implicit, was that Hick cannot seriously be considered for the one-off Test with Sri Lanka later this month, or the Ashes tour.

Salisbury does not even have the consolation of a one-day place. He has to wait, now, in the slim hope that the selectors will feel either that his gifts are too rare to be abandoned or that they will search for an alternative spinner and find none worthy.

Nothing, within a summer of confusing signals for the English game, has been more depressing than the diminishing role of spin. County spin bowlers have taken fewer wickets than for many years, partly through the poor weather, partly through unresponsive pitches, but also because few of them are good enough to trouble decent batsmen.

At Test level, it has been a desert. England used three spinners in the five Tests and the only one to take a wicket was Ashley Giles. Robert Croft played three fruitless Tests, Salisbury two.

Salisbury's inclusion at Headingley caused a split among selectors and management. As it turns out, his cause would have been less damaged if he had been left out. The belief that he had matured, erasing the old habit of donating a boundary every over, seemed ever more fanciful and though it is true that he bowled under pressure in a low-scoring game on a seamer's pitch, his temperament simply did not stand the test.

He still has a good chance of touring Australia, whether he will be risked at the Oval, where his last excursion into Test cricket ended in humiliation, is doubtful.

Graveney, while enjoying a rare glow of success yesterday, was cautious. "We have to analyse how we won and the facts are that the wickets came almost entirely from three bowlers, none of whom was a spinner. It is a cause for serious concern," he said. "I share the view of Lord MacLaurin [the chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board] that we must look again at our domestic structure, because it needs more intensity."

Graveney will now hope to see signs in the coming week that England can extend their new-found success into the World Cup. In pursuit of this, they have altered the policy adopted with mixed success in Sharjah and the Caribbean last winter and chosen specialists ahead of all-rounders.

The casualties include Ben Hollioake, Matthew Fleming and Dougie Brown. Among the beneficiaries are Atherton, Angus Fraser, Peter Martin and Alan Mullally, whose omission from the preliminary World Cup party of 37, announced last week, was apparently an oversight.

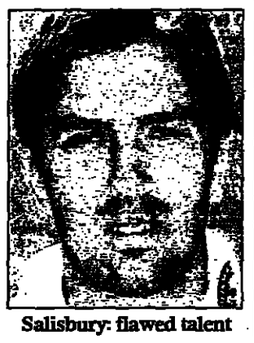
Atherton and Fraser, however, are doubtful starters. Atherton's stomach condition, that meant he missed the final overs at Headingley, is being closely monitored and if Fraser's back problem continues to trouble him he will give way to Dean Headley.

SQUAD

A J Stewart (Surrey, captain and wkt); M A Atherton (Lancashire); A D Brown (Surrey); R D B Croft (Glamorgan); M A Ealham (Kent); A R C Fraser (Middlesex); A F Giles (Warwickshire); D Gough (Yorkshire); G A Hick (Worcestershire); A J Hollioake (Surrey); N Hussain (Essex); N V Knight (Warwickshire); P J Martin (Lancashire); A D Mullally (Leicestershire).



Hick: surprise inclusion



Salisbury: flawed talent



ADY KERRY

Kaluwitharana is helpless as Matthew Fleming, the Kent batsman, cuts the ball away

Kent face new pitch row

BY THRASY PETROPOULOS

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): the Sri Lankans beat Kent by eight wickets

THIS was the match that was supposed to bid a final farewell to Graham Cowdrey from the St Lawrence Ground and to welcome back Aravinda de Silva. Instead, it was memorable for an abandonment after only 3.5 overs on a pitch deemed unsuitable for cricket.

A rescheduled match of 45 overs was eventually possible on a neighbouring pitch, but the spirit of the contest had been broken and Sanath Jayasuriya had sustained bruises to his right hand and the tip of his left index finger. A precautionary X-ray revealed no break and he is expected to be fit to face South Africa in the opening match of the triangular tournament on Friday.

The first ball of the innings, from Dean Headley, kicked from a length and trapped Jayasuriya on the finger. Three more blows followed before the umpires, Trevor Jesty and Vanburn Holder, agreed to take the players off. Harry Brind, the England and Wales Cricket Board's chief inspector of pitches, will visit the ground today to conduct a full investigation. Kent have already received a suspended ten-point penalty for preparing a substandard pitch in the final championship match of last season.

The pitch for this match was one of three originally prepared by Michael Grantham, the head groundsman, for the championship match against Hampshire. It was not used on that occasion and the combined effects of sun and repreparation for this match resulted in the uneven surface.

There would have been no one more disappointed than Cowdrey who, barring injuries to others, was playing his last match for his county. He made his first appearance for Kent 14 years ago to the day against the Sri Lankans on the same ground. In the event, Cowdrey's contribution with the bat was a fleeting one, as he was run out for 18 attempting a second run to Tillekeratne.

As heartening as the ovation that Cowdrey received on his return to the pavilion was the welcome given to de Silva, favourite son of the county in 1995. In his hands the target of 177 became an insignificant one, reached with 11.2 overs to spare in partnership with Marvan Atapattu.

Each of de Silva's seven boundaries was cheered and this was his fifth half-century in one-day cricket on this tour, a total of 360 runs at an average of 120.

This was the most comfortable of the Sri Lankans' five one-day victories against the counties and they will be relieved to have come through it relatively unscathed.

SCOREBOARD FROM CANTERBURY

KENT

R W T Key run out	34
E T Smith run out	6
D P Fulton c Tillekeratne b Arnold	11
M A Ealham c de Silva b Dharmasena	40
C L Hooper c Atapattu b Perera	15
M V Fleming c Tillekeratne b Muralitharan	10
G R Cowdrey run out	18
*†S A Marsh not out	10
J B Thompson c Kaluwitharana b Muralitharan	0
D W Headley not out	5
Extras (b 5, lb 6, w 12, nb 4)	27
Total (8 wkts, 45 overs)	176

A P Igglesden did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-62, 3-67, 4-116, 5-130, 6-154, 7-163, 8-163.

BOWLING: Perera 7-1-45-1; Vitavarayan 6-1-9-0; de Silva 7-0-19-0; Dharmasena 9-0-38-1; Muralitheran 9-1-21-2; Arnold 7-0-33-1.

SRI LANKANS

R P Arnold run out	9
†R S Kaluwitharana b Headley	27
M S Atapattu not out	53
*P A de Silva not out	86
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 8, nb 12)	24
Total (2 wkts, 33.4 overs)	179

H P Tillekeratne, D P M Jayawardene, U C Hathurusinghe, H D P K Dharmasena, M Muralitharan, S A Perera and M Vilavarayan did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-51.

BOWLING: Headley 7-2-14-1; Igglesden 4-0-30-0; Thompson 7-1-39-0; Hooper 9-0-48-0; Ealham 3-0-23-0; Fleming 2.4-0-17-0; Cowdrey 1-0-4-0.

Umpires: T E Jesty and V A Holder.

RUGBY UNION

British league off the agenda as talks collapse

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THERE will be no British league this coming season, despite the last-minute hopes of salvation that the concept offered to some of the game's problems. A meeting between the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and its Welsh counterparts proved fruitless and the RFU has now asked the leading clubs to prepare an acceptable fixture list for the Allied Dunbar Premiership in time for a meeting in Wolverhampton tomorrow.

There are signs that the RFU is losing patience with its first division clubs, with whom it struck the Mayfair Agreement in April. Officials were also amazed at the preconditions suggested by Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) representatives, among them the idea that eight Welsh clubs should join the Premiership.

"Although disappointed that we could not agree a way forward for a cross-border competition this season, the RFU recognises the logistical and other difficulties that both sides faced," Brian Baister, the chairman of the RFU management board, said. Baister believes that everything has been done to help English First Division Rugby — which staged its own board meeting yesterday — towards the sort of competition that would allow it to link with its Welsh allies, but time has run out.

This poses problems for Cardiff, whose discontent with their domestic structure has been well advertised, and the two Scottish "super clubs", whose fixtures for this season are uneven in the extreme. But the RFU seeks to focus on the domestic season and to ensure that the terms of the Mayfair Agreement are followed.

In that respect it has the unanimous support of the 14 second division clubs, whose aspirations may not have ranked that high amid talks of a British league or Welsh involvement in England. The first division clubs even contrived a fresh concept — with the new season barely three weeks away — suggesting an 18-team league, but to no avail.

Meanwhile, Northampton yesterday completed the signing of Federico Mendez, the Argentina hooker who fell out of favour at Bath last season, while London Irish parted company with 23 of last season's squad and have brought in 13 newcomers, eight from the southern hemisphere.

The exiles have also captured Geoff Huckstep from Wasps as chief executive for a centenary season which they hope will see a serious assault on one of English rugby's senior trophies.



Mendez: leaving Bath

London Irish still hope to sign three tight forwards and are in negotiation with some members of the Bristol squad. However, Bristol will know more of their future today when Malcolm Pearce, a millionaire who supported Bath during amateur days, is introduced as the backer of the consortium that will relaunch the club this season.

EQUESTRIANISM

Victorious Simon sets his sights on higher things

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN AACHEN, GERMANY

HUGO SIMON, of Austria, riding ET, his dual World Cup winner, defied the hot, sultry conditions on the opening day of the Aachen international show yesterday to win the ELSA Prize, the main event of the day, by a margin of 2.81sec. It was his second successive win in the competition.

Helena Weinberg, of Germany but formerly a British rider, took second place on Silwa Ferdinand, the horse on which she won three grands prix last year. Weinberg's compatriot, Otto Becker, underlined the strength of his new partnership with Cera, Paul Darragh's former horse, with a faultless round that left them in third place.

Simon was the oldest competitor in the 62-strong class but his bold, attacking round — over a course that prompted numerous mistakes — betrayed little sign of his 56 years. "I have always said he is out of this world," Simon said of his horse.

Although delighted with his £5,000 win, Simon's sights are set on greater rewards. His win in the Monterrey Grand Prix in Mexico last October makes him eligible for the £600,000 Pulsar Crown bonus if he also wins the Aachen Grand Prix on Sunday.

The five British riders had little to celebrate yesterday. Rob Hoekstra, the least experienced of the five, finished eighteenth on Lionel after a stylish round in which he incurred 1.75 time faults but no jumping penalties. Geoff Billington, on It's Otto, Mark Armstrong, on Primma, and Michael Whitaker, on Virtual Village Ashley, all finished on four faults.

John Whitaker, riding Virtual Village Heyman — the horse he is likely to ride in the Nations Cup on Friday — was one of several riders who had a refusal at Fence No 3, a grey, flower-bedecked wall with a wavy top line. "He's not normally spooky and he's never refused with me before," Whitaker said afterwards.

The most surprising casualty of the class was Franke Sloothaak, Germany's world champion, who had a dramatic fall with San Patrignano Cassini at Fence No 11.

RESULTS: ELSA Prize: 1, ET (H Simon, Austria) 0 in 74.90; 2, Silwa Ferdinand (H Weinberg, Ger) 0 in 77.71; 3, Cera (O Becker, Ger) 0 in 77.82.

Henry Lambert's Prize: 1, Trudo Nikias (L Philippaerts, Bel) 0 in 48.25; 2, Alligator Fontaine (E Navet, Fr) 0 in 49.14; 3, Quorum (A Miranda, Br) 0 in 50.61; 4, Virtual Village Two Step (M Whitaker, GB) 0 in 50.83.

Aachener Bank Prize: 1, Amica de la Barre (A Firestone, US) 0 in 48.57; 2, Dylano (L McNaught, Switz) 0 in 48.67; 3, Apricot D (H Simon, Austria) 0 in 50.94; 4, Virtual Village Hunters Level (J Whitaker, GB) 0 in 51.05.

Australia force the pace

HARROGATE (first day of four; Australia won toss): England, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 292 runs behind Australia

BY SARAH POTTER

YORKSHIRE hosted English cricket's brightest day for 12 years on Monday but yesterday, at the second women's Test match in Harrogate, the sense of expectation belonged to Australia as they pinned England back in a final, tense and aggressive session.

After the slow wicket and hot sun of Guildford had failed to separate the sides, Australia were keen to set a faster pace rather than more records. Having won the toss, John Harmer, their coach, wanted three scoring shots an over and for Australia to take their chances.

Although they stuttered either side of lunch, when Sarah Collyer was outstanding and England should have claimed a simple run-out, Australia managed 306 runs in 89 overs. With it came a bold declaration that left England to face an uncomfortable half-hour at the crease. Cathryn Fitzpatrick hurtled in with nine fielders clustered around the bat, but Charlotte Edwards and Jane Brittin survived.

Belinda Clark, the Australia captain and opener, arrived in England with a big reputation. She scored the fastest century, against Denmark in 63 balls, at the World Cup last winter and yesterday, with Lisa Keightley, she laid the foundation for the afternoon onslaught.

That came courtesy of Karen Rolton, who scored 64 of her 82 in boundaries and faced 113 balls. Joanne Broadbent, by contrast, was unbeaten on 63, but faced 143 balls.

Edwards took two of the three Australia wickets. Of the other bowlers, only Collyer and Melissa Reynard could stem the flow and, strangely, Clare Connor was not used.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

L Keightley c Lang b Edwards	43
*B Clark c Smithies b Edwards	76
J Broadbent not out	63
K Rolton c Reynard b Pearson	82
M Jones not out	19
Extras (b 16, lb 2, w 2, nb 3)	23
Total (3 wkts dec)	306

B Colver, HJ Price, O Magno, C Fitzpatrick, C Masson and A Fahey did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-125, 2-130, 3-272.

BOWLING: Pearson 13.3-2-59-1; Taylor 15-3-59-0; Collyer 23-8-36-0; Lang 5-0-33-0; Reynard 16-4-55-0; Edwards 11-5-28-2; Smithies 9-4-18-0.

ENGLAND: First Innings

C Edwards not out	5
J Britin not out	8
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (no wkt)	14

B Daniels, *K Smithies, C Connor, HJ Cassar, K Lang, M Reynard, S Collyer, C Taylor and L Pearson to bat.

BOWLING: Fitzpatrick 6-3-6-0; Colver 5-2-7-0.

Umpires: A Heath and A Roberts.

Derbyshire not overawed

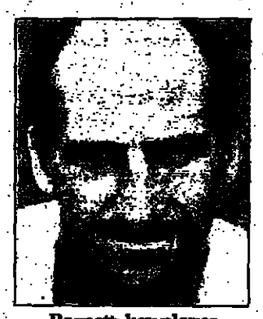
BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

TO SAY that Leicestershire start the second NatWest Trophy semi-final today as overwhelming favourites is to state the obvious. They dismantled Warwickshire so completely in the previous round that they could hardly be other. They have a capable side, which is used to winning, and they enjoy home advantage. They also have the memory of that Benson and Hedges Cup catastrophy against Essex to purge.

Derbyshire, the weaker team on paper, cannot be discounted, because games are never played on paper. To get this far they had to beat Surrey at the Oval, which they did in some comfort. That win really put the cat among the pigeons and they will not travel to Grace Road vibrating with fear.

"If we make it to Lord's this year there will be no doubt we will have earned it," Kim Barnett, 38, said.

Barnett was the lad of the side when they last reached the final of this competition, in 1981, when they beat Northamptonshire off the last ball. He still means a lot to Derbyshire, as batsman and occasional bowler. At the Oval he excelled, getting two men out and helping Michael Slater, the dashing Australian, to add 162, a county record in this competition for the first wicket.



Barnett: key player

Leicestershire have the ticklish problem of whether to include Chris Lewis, their captain, solely as a batsman. He has missed the past two championship matches with an injured back and returned to lead the team last Sunday, though he could not bowl.

If he plays today he will replace either Aftab Habib or Iain Sutcliffe, who are both more likely to score more runs.

DERBYSHIRE (from): M J Slater, K J Barnett, R M S Weston, M A Cassar, B J Spendlove, D G Cork, K M Krikken, I D Blackwell, P A DeFreitas, V P Clarke, K J Dean, G M Roberts.

LEICESTERSHIRE (from): D L Maddy, I J Sutcliffe, B F Smith, P V Simmons, V J Wells, C C Lewis, P A Nixon, J M Dakin, J Ormond, A D Mullally, M T Brimson, A Habib.



FOOTBALL

Van Hooijdonk's ego could leave him without home

By Russell Kempson

PIERRE VAN HOOIJDONK may be a striker of some repute, particularly in his own mind, but the Holland and Nottingham Forest player could soon find himself without a club. Reaction yesterday to the news that Forest were prepared to sell him, for a fee of about £8 million, was distinctly lukewarm.

Van Hooijdonk has the right credentials to attract prospective buyers. He scored 58 goals for Celtic in little more than two years and 34 goals for Forest last season as they made a swift returned to the FA Carling Premiership. His height, 6ft 4in, and expertise at free kicks make him a potent threat at any level.

However, his fervent self-belief has long since spilt over into undisguised arrogance and he has hardly gained favour with his team-mates or employers at Forest by the flagrant disregard shown for the five-year contract that he signed only 17 months ago. He left Celtic Park on bad terms and his departure will cause even fewer tears to be shed at the City Ground.

Where he goes now is debateable. Fenerbahçe have expressed an interest and perhaps he would be more suited to the often volatile environment of Turkish football. The move of Kevin Campbell, his strike partner at Forest, to Trabzonspor is due to be completed this week.



Van Hooijdonk: arrogant

Although Van Hooijdonk has been training with NAC Breda since refusing to return to Nottingham, it is believed that the Dutch are none too impressed with his behaviour, either. Links with Manchester United and Arsenal are without foundation.

With suitors apparently few and far between, especially in Britain, Van Hooijdonk will probably have to wait until the season is underway before being picked up. Only when clubs become desperate for a proven goalscorer however flawed of temperament, and when Forest are sick of the saga and prepared to accept less than the asking price, is he likely to move on.

"We are not saying that £8 million is the exact figure, we'll have to wait and see what happens," Dave Bassett, the Forest manager, said yesterday. "We value Pierre very highly and rightly so, and you have to pay good money for strikers like him.

John Barnwell, chief executive of the League Managers' Association, criticised Van Hooijdonk. "Managers are being put in unfair positions," he said. "There's been all this nonsense about Pierre saying that he wants to leave because Forest are not ambitious enough but it's probably because he feels he can get more money elsewhere.

"People should sign contracts in good faith and something has to be done about it because it is bringing the game into disrepute."

Aston Villa and Coventry City have been caught up in similar wrangles with David Unsworth and Robert Jarni respectively. Unsworth signed for Villa from West Ham United for £3 million but asked to leave only six days later. He has since returned to Everton, his former club, for the same fee but the method of payment to Villa has held up the transfer.

Although Unsworth trained with Villa yesterday, his return to Everton should be completed this week.

Jarni, the Croatia midfield player, was bought by Coventry from Real Betis, of Spain, for £2.62 million but Real Madrid made a counter bid. Although Coventry accepted it, Real Madrid appear to have pulled out of the deal. "We have paid Real Betis in full," Bryan Richardson, the Coventry chairman, said yesterday.

☐ Wanderley Luxemburgo has been appointed as the coach of Brazil in succession to Mario Zagallo.

Owen learns he has fans in high places

THE worldwide fame that Michael Owen, the England striker, earned with his dazzling performances at the World Cup continues to blossom. Feted by Pelé and other footballing legends after his goal against Argentina, he can now count João Havelange, the former president of Fifa, as a member of his fan club.

Havelange has made an unprecedented official request to the Football Association for one of Owen's replica England shirts. Keith Cooper, the Fifa director of communications, outlined the "request of a rather unusual nature" in a recent letter to the FA. He wrote: "Dr Havelange was so captivated by Michael Owen's performances at the World Cup that he has asked me to secure for him a No 20 England shirt with Owen's name. I must say, it's the first time the Fifa president has ever made such a request, which must say a lot about Michael Owen's ability and personality."

The FA have duly organised for a replica England shirt to be signed and sent to Havelange. Steve Double, the FA spokesman, said: "It's a great honour for Michael Owen. What is more, it's a Brazilian asking for an Englishman's shirt!"

Age is no respecter of youth

David Rhys Jones watches a legend of the rink show that she can still give youngsters a game

MARC ASPLAND



Irene Molyneux shows Amy Gowshall the technique that led Oxford to victory

Amy Gowshall is a typical teenager who likes partying and loud music, but the 19-year-old first year university student from Grimsby still surprises her friends when she declines the odd invitation to go out on the town because she is playing bowls.

Irene Molyneux, on the other hand, is a legend of the bowling green, having won the first of her six national outdoor titles back in 1974 and is, so they say, some 60 years Gowshall's senior.

The two met yesterday, for the first time, in a head-to-head confrontation between youth and experience at the EWBA national championships at Leamington Spa, Gowshall skipping Waltham Park and Molyneux in charge of a powerful City and County of Oxford quartet.

After young Gowshall's remarkable win in the Champion of Champions singles event — now sponsored, rather inappropriately it seemed, by Help the Aged Insurance — a large crowd turned up to see how she would fare against one of the sport's institutions.

Molyneux, who first played for England in 1975, has one of the most graceful deliveries in the game, and her concentration is intense. She also has a formidable stage presence, plays the game at her own pace and exudes confidence as she strolls down the rink with a gentle sway.

With two internationals, Audrey Mainwaring and Kath Hawes, and a three-time England champion, Greta Winstone, at the front end, Oxford had racked up 93 shots to 19 in their first three games, and it seemed as if Gowshall was going to be put firmly in her place when they opened up a 16-2 lead.

Oxford may have looked home and dry but, with Nora Hall, 77, Gowshall's lead, bowling well, Waltham Park closed the gap to 19-11, and were holding a count of five on the sixteenth end when Molyneux enjoyed the rub of the green, and glanced off a front bowl to secure second shot.

Hawes, 29, who will represent England in the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur next month, proved to be a tower of strength as Molyneux's trusty No 3, and Oxford were able to stamp their authority on the proceedings.

An extra end was required to break an 18-18 deadlock in the third-round match between Barbara Cooke's Enderby quartet from Leicestershire, and an Ashford Cumbrians from Dalston, skipped by Sylvia Clark, 24-12 to set up a semi-final encounter with Joyce Needham's Western Park rink from Leicester.

> She has a formidable stage presence and plays the game at her own pace

Their well-deserved 25-13 victory took Oxford into the quarter-finals and they made further, if slow, progress after lunch, when they beat four Town four skipped by Linda Taylor.

Enderby, who were 15-18 adrift at 19 ends, were relieved to win, 19-18, and claimed their place in the last eight. They were, however, promptly beaten by Sue Chilton's York quartet, who will play Atherley, skipped by Pam Sutton, today for a place in the final.

Atherley scraped into the last eight with a close 19-18 win over Byfleet, but were good value for their 24-14 victory last night over Dunholme, Gowshall's Lincolnshire colleagues.

IN BRIEF

Henman's top-ten dream put on hold

■ **TENNIS:** Tim Henman's rich vein of form was abruptly severed in Cincinnati yesterday when he was beaten in straight sets by Thomas Muster, of Austria (Julian Muscat writes). Henman's first-round exit in the Great American Insurance ATP Championship Super 9 event, scuppered his prospects of making the world's top ten for at least another week.

Muster's 6-4, 7-5 triumph avenged his defeat at Henman's hands in the US Open 11 months ago and brought an end to Henman's finest sequence of results since he joined the professional circuit. After losing in the semi-finals at Wimbledon, he reached the final of the Mercedes Cup in Los Angeles and the semi-final of the du Maurier Open in Toronto last week.

Greg Rusedski, a US Open finalist last year but out of action with an ankle injury since Wimbledon, hopes to play in Indianapolis next week.

■ **ROWING:** Plans for the first Olympic-sized rowing course in the South of England were scrapped yesterday because of a recommendation that planning permission for the £30 million part-housing, part-sporting project in Caversham, Berkshire should be refused (John Goodbody writes).

Steve Redgrave, who was hoping to train at the centre, said: "The entire British rowing community will be desperately disappointed at this sad news. The only people who will benefit will be our Olympic rivals."

■ **CYCLING:** Four Italians with the Mobilvetta team were expelled from the Tour of Portugal yesterday after failing blood tests that detected a higher number of red blood cells than the permitted 50 per cent threshold, which can indicate the use of the banned performance enhancing drug EPO. The International Cycling Union described the quartet — Paolo Alberati, Graziano Recinelle, Mario Monzoni and Renzo Ragnetti — as "unfit" to continue.

Bonus dispute clouds Zagreb tie

By Kevin McCarra

CELTIC'S European Cup second preliminary-round first leg match with Croatia Zagreb in Glasgow this evening is at risk of appearing a mere tiff when compared with the dispute between the Scottish club and its players over the bonus on offer for beating their opponents and so reaching the Champions' League stage.

On Monday, the three members of the squad who were instructed to attend the launch of a new away strip boycotted the event because the team is unhappy with the sum proposed. Fergus McCann, the managing director, has implied that this amounts to £20,000 per man, although the players claim that the true figure is smaller. Yesterday McCann took £50,000 out of the bonus pool and presented it to the Schiehallion Unit for seriously ill children in Yorkhill Hospital, Glasgow.

It could be argued that the sick children were being exploited in a public relations exercise. All the same, there was nothing contrived about McCann's indignation over what he views as the unacceptable demands of his squad.

"We felt it was appropriate that we give the players a fairly strong message. They should get a reality check. We go beyond our contractual obligations. They have not met theirs. The £50,000 we have given to Yorkhill Hospital has gone to the right people. This is about what is important in life."

Despite suggestions by McCann that there is a division of opinion within the squad, Tom Boyd, the team captain, claimed that the players are united. The squad considers that it is not receiving the "going rate" for the job and there have been reports that Rangers were paid £30,000 a man for qualifying for the Champions' League group stage in 1995.

McCann states that the £20,000 offered to the players is more than another British club is proposing as a bonus for winning the Uefa Cup this season. The most recent accounts for Celtic, which were issued last week, show "football employment costs" rising by 57 per cent.

No matter how sincere their resentment, the Celtic players risk the antagonism of supporters. The crowd's reaction could be severe if the team is beaten in a difficult tie.

Croatia Zagreb provided seven members of the Croatia squad who took third place at the World Cup. Celtic could also be without Craig Burley, who was injured in a pre-season match with Liverpool.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

When as a defender you have a trump holding which may be vulnerable to a safety play, make a lead which will discourage declarer from making the safety play. Here is an example.

North dealer — Game All — IMPs

	♠K93 ♥74 ♦AKQJ5 ♣Q62	
♠Q1054 ♥1085 ♦32 ♣J1097	N W E S	♠2 ♥QJ93 ♦987 ♣K8543
	♠AJ876 ♥AK62 ♦1064 ♣A	

W	N	E	S
—	1 D	Pass	1 S
Pass	2 S	Pass	3 H
Pass	4 S	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 H	Pass	6 S
All Pass			

Contract: Six Spades by South. Lead: ?

South's Four No-Trumps was Roman Key Card Blackwood and the response of Five Hearts showed two "aces" (counting the king of the agreed trump suit as an ace), but denied the queen of trumps.

First, see what happens if West leads the jack of clubs. Declarer has enough winners in the side-suits, and everything depends on not losing more than one trump trick. If declarer knows his safety plays he will lay down the ace of spades and lead towards the king, covering West's five with dummy's nine. If East beats the nine, the remaining trump will fall on the next round.

Now see the effect of leading the two of diamonds. This gives declarer a new problem, for the lead looks like a singleton. As before South starts with the ace of spades and a low one towards dummy, and as before West follows with the four and the five. You can see declarer's worry — if the opening lead is indeed a singleton, contributing dummy's nine of spades would lead to an adverse ruff if East had started with either 10 2 or Q 2 of spades — he would win and return a diamond for West to ruff with the last trump. So declarer may very well go up with dummy's king, giving West two trump tricks.

☐ The Second Mind Sports Olympiad, which includes chess, bridge, crosswords and IQ tests, is scheduled for the Novotel, Hammersmith, from August 24-30. For further information access the Website www.mindsports.co.uk or phone 0171-485 9146.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess correspondent

London clubs

The draw for the semi-final stage of the London Clubs knockout sponsored by the Mind Sports Olympiad is as follows:

Oxford & Cambridge v Home House
RAC B v Athenaeum

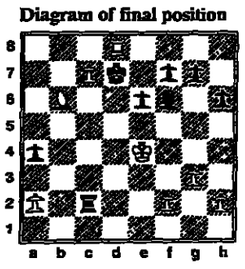
Today's game is an example of the level of play in this league, which includes a number of international masters among the contestants.

White: Hennigan
Black: Hulbert
Home House v Hurlingham A
London Clubs 1998

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nd2	c5
4	exd5	Qxd5
5	Ngf3	cxd4
6	Bc4	Qd6
7	0-0	Nc6
8	Nb3	Nf6
9	Nbxd4	Be7
10	Nxc6	bxc6
11	Qe2	0-0
12	Rd1	Nd5
13	Bd3	Qb8
14	g3	Bf6
15	c4	Ne7
16	Rb1	Bb7
17	Bf4	Qc8
18	b4	c5
19	Be4	Bxe4
20	Qxe4	cxb4
21	Rxb4	Rd8
22	Rdb1	Qc6
23	Qxc6	Nxc6
24	Rb7	h6
25	Rc7	Rac8
26	Rbb7	Rxc7
27	Rxc7	Nd4
28	Kg2	Nxb3
29	Kxf3	Rd3+
30	Be3	a5
31	c5	Kf8
32	Ra7	Ra3
33	c6	Rc3
34	c7	Ke8
35	Ke4	Kd7
36	Bb6	Rc2
37	Ra8	a4
38	Rd8+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Mind Sports Olympiad

The second Mind Sports Olympiad, which features chess, bridge, IQ and hosts the finals of The Times Crossword Championship takes place from August 24-30. In order to accommodate a larger entry the venue has now switched to the Novotel in Hammersmith. The official entry hotline is 01707 659080. Full details are also available on the Mind Sports Olympiad Website: www.mindsports.co.uk.

Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276) at £6.99 plus postage and packing.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Anaheim 5 Detroit 2; Baltimore 2 Tampa Bay 1; New York Yankees 7 Minnesota 3; Chicago White Sox 5 Oakland 3.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Houston 5 Milwaukee 2; New York Mets 4 St Louis 2; Colorado 6 Montreal 2; Philadelphia 3 Arizona 0; Florida 3 San Diego 2; Chicago Cubs 8 San Francisco 5.

BOWLS

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA: EWBA national championships: Fours: Third round: City and County of Oxford (I Molyneux) bt Waltham Park (A Gowshall) 25-12; Dalston (S Clark) bt Felixstowe and Suffolk (G Redrup) 21-12; Crediton (D Richards) bt Kings Heath (A Cox) 19-17; Enderby (B Cooke) bt Ashford Town (L Taylor) 19-18 (after extra end); Western Park (J Needham) bt Eastnor (V Pedlingham) 20-18; York (S Chilton) bt Chesham (S Springall) 23-13; Dunholme (B Heath) bt Penryn (S Daniel) 22-13; Atherley (P Sutton) bt Byfleet (N Farben) 19-18. Quarter-finals: Oxford bt Dalston 24-12; Western Park bt Crediton 25-23; York bt Enderby 25-18; Atherley bt Dunholme 24-14.
KINGSTON: Glasgow women's championship: Singles: Semi-finals: M Currie (Balornock) bt M Gavin (Moss Park) 21-19; J Hodgson (Hillpark) bt M Boyd (Tilwood) 21-14. Pairs: Semi-finals: Willow Bank bt Mount Florida 20-16; University bt Crookstown 21-12. Triples: Semi-finals: Newlands bt Kingswood 13-8; Victoria Park bt Cardonald 11-9. Fours: Semi-finals: Kingswood bt Dromoyne 19-8; Crookstown bt Scotstounhill 17-10.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of three: Oakham School: Sussex 458-9 (J R Carpenter 120, R S C Martin-Jenkins 65, A D Edwards 52) v Leicestershire. First day of four: New Eltham: Hampshire 52 (S J Phillips 5-26); Kent 195-1 (C D Walsh 86 not out, R Clinton 80).
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of two: Dunstable: Bedfordshire 201-6 and 342-8 (D J M Mercer 76, W Jenkins 75, I J Fantham 53); Norfolk 229-5 and 289-8 (C J Rogers 118). Match drawn. Chamborne: Wiltshire 324; Cornwall 329-5 (J P Kent 112 not out, S M Williams 102, G M Thomas 53). Match drawn. Hillside: Lincolnshire 225-3 and 282-1 (S G Plumb 115 not out, J Clarke 81). Hertfordshire 175-9 and 95-9 (M A Ewanuik 63, D M Ward 52; S G Jones 6-66). Match drawn. Alston Rowans: Herefordshire 344; Oxfordshire 292 (B J Thompson 111, R J Williams 90 not out; B W Gannon 5-103, K E Cooper 4-65). Herefordshire won on first innings. Portal Ground: Wales 197 and 283 (S R G Jenkins 120; S Dinent 4-42); Dorset 233-6 and 198-9 (T W Richings 82, J J E Hardy 51; L O Jones 4-58). Dorset won by one wicket.
UNDER-19 TOUR MATCH: Kimbolton: ECB Midlands 141 (J Troughton 58; I Fazil 6-25) and 254 (J Adams 106; I Fazil 4-34); Pakistan 441-8 dec (H Raza 133 not out, Z Qayyum 76, Inam-Ul-Haq 58). Pakistan won by an innings and 46 runs.

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results
PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Sunderland 4 Blackburn 1.
PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Stoke v Uxbridge 1; Sheffield United 0, Woking 0; Leicester City 2, Famborough 4; Southampton 2, Bromsgrove 1; Walsall 2, Welling 0; Charlton 1, Nottingham Forest 2; Feyenoord 3, Newcastle United 2; Juventus 1.

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL: MATCH: Scotland 3 Canada 0 (in Milton Keynes).
EUROPEAN MEN'S UNDER-21 NATIONS CUP: Division C (in Moscow): Georgia 1, Bulgaria 2; Switzerland 3 Belarus 1; Russia 7 Ukraine 0. Final standings: 1, Russia 15; 2, Switzerland 12; 3, Ukraine 8.

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Wolverhampton 62 Kings Lynn 28.

SQUASH

PRINCETON, United States: World junior men's team championship: First qualifying round: Pool A: Pakistan 3 Canada 0; Malaysia 2 New Zealand 1; Pakistan 3 Malaysia 0; Canada 3 New Zealand 0. Pool B: Egypt 3 France 0; England 3 Germany 0; England 3 France 0 (N Matthew bt G Gautier 9-1, 9-3, 9-1; L Jemmett bt R Tenant 9-3, 9-2, 9-6; B Garner bt R Alegre 9-1, 9-3, 9-0). Pool C: Spain 3 Finland 0; Argentina 3 Switzerland 0; Switzerland 2 Finland 1; Spain 2 Argentina 1. Pool D: Australia 3 Sweden 0; Wales 3 Hong Kong 0; Wales 3 Sweden 0 (G Jones bt B Aziz 9-4, 9-9, 10-8, 9-2; R Davies bt A Willestrom 9-1, 9-3, 9-2; S Lewis bt J Dandelo 9-1, 9-3, 9-2); Australia 2 Hong Kong 1. Pool E: Colombia 2 United States 1; Ireland 3 Venezuela 0; Ireland 2 United States 1 (J Rooney bt E Peregoh 9-3, 9-3, 9-5; N Rooney bt P Kelly 10-8, 3-9, 6-9, 10-8, 9-0; N Byrne lost to D Patterson 1-9, 3-9, 2-9); Colombia 3 Venezuela 0. Pool F: Holland 3 Kenya 0; South Africa 3 Scotland 0; Scotland 3 Kenya 0 (S Hall bt S Real 9-6, 10-8, 9-3; S Halliday bt S Wells 9-1, 9-7, 9-1; A Livingstone bt O Kwach 9-4, 9-3, 9-3); Holland 2 South Africa 1. Pool G: India 3 Zimbabwe 0; India 3 Bermuda 0. Pool H: Kuwait 3 El Salvador 0.

TENNIS

CINCINNATI, Ohio: ATP Great American championship: First round: A Costa (Sp) bt S Grosjean (Fr) 1-6, 6-4, 6-1; C Pistine (Fr) bt R Delgado (Par) 7-6, 6-3; T Johansson (Swe) bt W Black (Zim) 7-6, 7-5; M Larsson (Swe) bt G Pozzi (It) 6-4, 7-5; J Siemerink (Hol) bt S Schalken (Hol) 1-6, 6-1, 7-6; J-M Gambill (US) bt O Delaitre (Fr) 6-3, 6-1; A Corretja (Sp) bt A O'Brien (US) 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; J Tarango (US) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 7-5, 6-2; V Spadea (US) bt J Gimelstob (US) 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; T Haas (Ger) bt J Courier (US) 7-6, 7-6; G Raoux (Fr) bt W Schranz (Ger) 7-6, 5-7, 6-4; T Martin (US) bt F Santoro (Fr) 6-1, 6-4; D Vacek (Cz) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 6-2, 3-6, 7-6; T Muster (Austria) bt T Henman (GB) 6-4, 7-5.
SAN MARINO: ATP tournament: First round: L A Morejon (Ec) bt O Camporese (It) 6-4, 6-4; J A Vilocq (Sp) bt J Alonso (Sp) 4-6, 6-4, 7-6; M Hood (Arg) bt A Pavia (Rom) 6-1, 6-2; V Santopadre (It) bt M Safin (Russ) 6-2, 6-0; F Vicente (Sp) bt F Meligeni (Br) 0-6, 6-4, 6-2; D Sanguinetti (It) bt M Mansill (It) 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; D Hrbaty (Slovakia) bt D Scala (It) 6-3, 6-4; C Costa (Sp) bt A Calatrava (Sp) 6-4, 6-2; R Fromberg (Aus) bt D Pescarini (Rom) 6-4, 6-0; G Blanco (Sp) bt M Norman (Swe) 6-3, 6-0.

CRICKET

NatWest Trophy
Semi-final
10.30, 60 overs
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Derbyshire
Tour match
10.45, one day
HEADINGLEY: First Class Counties XI v South Africans
WOMEN'S SECOND TEST: Second day of four: Harrogate: England v Australia.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Third day of four: Eltham: Kent v Hampshire. Final day of three: Oakham, School: Leicestershire v Sussex. Second day of four: North Perrott: Somerset v Glamorgan. First day of three: Sunderland: Durham v Essex. Hatherley and Reddings CC, Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire. Tenbury: Middlesex v Yorkshire. Blend Green: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of two: Carlisle: Cumberland v Suffolk.

OTHER SPORT

HOCKEY: European women's under-21 nations cup (in Belfast): Ireland v England (2.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

GREAT BRITAIN WOMEN'S TOUR ITINERARY: *August 16: New Zealand Maori (Auckland). August 19: Auckland (Carlaw Park, Auckland). August 22: New Zealand (Rotorua). August 26: Canterbury (Christchurch). August 29: New Zealand (Christchurch). September 4: New Zealand (Carlaw Park, Auckland).*

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Ulster 50 Morocco 5 (at Ravenhill, Belfast).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
European Cup
Second qualifying round, first leg
Celtic v NK Croatia Zagreb (7.45) .....
Manchester Utd v LKS Lodz (7.45) .....
Worthington Cup
First round, first leg
Grimsby v Preston (7.45) .....
Scarborough v Barnsley .....
Swindon v Wycombe (7.45) .....
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Luton v Brighton (at Hitchin, 2.0).
PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Birmingham v Nottingham Forest (7.15). First division: Oldham v Manchester City (7.0); Port Vale v West Bromwich (7.0); Wolverhampton v Sheffield Wednesday (7.0). Second division: Bradford v Notts County (2.0); Rotherham v Lincoln (7.0); Sheffield Utd v Wrexham (7.0); Shrewsbury v Newcastle (7.0). Third division: Carlisle v Bury (2.0); Chesterfield v Hartlepool v Hull (2.0); Scunthorpe v Darlington (7.0); Wigan v Walsall (2.0).
MINERVA: SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Senior Division: Bedford v Houghton.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AFANC
a. A Celtic rune
b. A water monster
c. A torque

FIARD
a. A broader fiord
b. A heraldic gauntlet
c. Running training

ANECDOTARD
a. A boring old fart
b. Use of part for the whole
c. A breed of duck

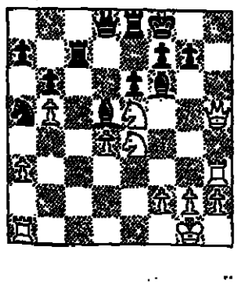
FORMATORE
a. A modeller
b. An opera by Verdi
c. An Alpine soldier

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Kaidanov — Anand, Moscow, 1987. Viswanathan Anand, the Indian grandmaster, has challenged for the world title, but here is a defeat from an earlier stage of his career. What did White play?



Solution on page 38

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Now England face a tougher test

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

Winning is not the only thing; it is not the most important thing either. But it matters. Winning *may not be what you play sport for*, but when you play, winning is what you are trying to do — whether you are playing ping-pong with your dad or playing in a Test match or a World Cup final.

And if you play and play and never win, you do rather tend to find that the bubbles go out of things. You start to expect less and then you start to care less. It is a matter of self-protection. You can strut a carapace of gallows humour, jokes to pre-empt the nagging ache of continual defeat, rather like taking an aspirin when drunk, to counteract the hangover you know will follow hard upon.

England have won a significant Test series for the first time in 12 years, it is a lovely day, and that surely should silence the legion of knockers and nay-sayers and gloom 'n' doomers who said that cricket was in trouble. Actually, speaking as a part-time gloom 'n' doomer, it does nothing of the kind, but there is no point in drinking champagne and not allowing it to go to your head. That is what the bubbles are for. Victory, like half a bottle of champagne taken fast on a judiciously empty stomach, does rather tend to alter your world view.

Twelve years! And the tale told of the last victorious occasion by my old friend Frances Edmonds, of her husband and my biography subject, the great Philippe Edmonds. And Edmonds uncharacteristically and magnificently drunk as a skunk, and she quite as magnificently sober as her husband danced about singing: "We've won the Ashes, we've won the Ashes."

> 'Let us recall how dire the Old Trafford Test was'

Frances, who has a taste for pedantry, told him witheringly: "You've *retained* the Ashes."

In the summer of 1985 — was it as golden, as sundrenched as I recollect? — England hammered the pith out of the Australians. Edmonds took the decisive wicket of the series — caught by Gower off somebody's boot — as recorded in *A Singular Man*. Oh my Frances and my Philippe long ago! Since then, England have been on a cresta run, accelerating downhill towards disaster.

They reached their nadir at Old Trafford. Like Mike Tyson at the Miss Black America pageant — after which he was dubbed "a serious buttock-fondler" — I suppose English cricket just had to touch bottom. And I wrote a thoroughly gloomy 'n' doomy piece about it all, but if you think I am now wiping the omelette off my face in an embarrassed fashion, you are wrong. For one thing, I am too full of boyish delight in victory; for another, like all journalists I am convinced I am always right, and for a third — well, just recall how dire the Old Trafford Test was.

South Africa made 552 for five in front of a half-empty ground; England responded by reaching 11 for two. Two nights running they were booed off the pitch by the few spectators who could bear to remain.

The batting collapses were too predictable. The worm of defeatism had eaten into the marrow of the England team — and it affected us, the watchers, as well. There was a ghastly inevitability about it — even this last Test, I spent most of my time saying "Oh God" at the television. Not in anguish, still less, I fear, in prayer. Just a reflex groan to greet the latest inevitable ghastliness.

"Oh God", as the England batting resolutely refused to back up the efforts of Butcher. "Oh God", as England dropped three catches in 22 balls. "Oh God", as Donald and Pollock caused yet another collapse. "Oh God", as Rhodes seemed to be playing a victor's innings. "Oh God", as those four legbyes went down on the last day. It was victory after a deeply flawed performance: the heroics and the joys the more memorable for all that.

> 'A victory does not make everything all right again'

And it was a wonderful treat after a splendid summer of near misses: England, Owen, Henman, Rose. Raise your glasses as the England cricket team dances with the bride of victory. But after a wedding comes marriage. That is a serious matter, perhaps the most serious matter in the world. England have wedded and bedded a lovely and capricious girl: holding on to her is quite another matter.

Victory, like a great wedding, is wonderful stuff, but it is not an end. It is a beginning. English cricket is in incomparably better shape than it was at Old Trafford, but a victory does not make everything all right again. The habit of winning, the habit of rising to the big occasion, has for years been a vanishing trait in English cricket. The central ethic of the game is still that of time serving, hanging on for another weary couple of years for your orgy of legalised (and, shockingly, tax-free — did you know vicars get taxed on their Easter offering?) begging called a benefit.

Cricket is like National Hunt racing: full of good solid types who will never be any better. It should be like flat racing: a hot-bed of youthful promise and the occasional starburst of fulfilment. It should be full of people who play, not for their place, but for victory.

Victory. The witch of defeat has been slain.

Let cricket rejoice. And then get on with the hard part before the bride of victory tiptoes away from the marriage bed and is off and away for another 12-year fling with whomever takes her fancy.

TELEVISION CHOICE

Paradise for petrolheads

Deals on Wheels
Channel 4, 8.30pm

Now here's a funny thing. In price, if not prestige, the Citroen XM is up there with the BMWs, Audis and Mercedes. But it is not very good at keeping its price, according to our resident experts, Mike and Richard. The top of the range model which last year cost £27,000 new can now be bought, leather, air-conditioning, advanced electrics and all, for a bargain £13,000. The danger is that now the secret is out, the demand for second-hand XMs will be so great that it will be a bargain no longer. Elsewhere, we meet *Julian*, who has become a minor celebrity in his native Bolton for having a pet iguana called Schumacher and being nuts about Toyota Celicas. Unlike women, he claims, the Celica does not lose its looks. He is about to dispose of his current Celica in order to buy and restore yet another.



Painting of quaggas, the subject of *QED*, dating from the 1840s (BBC1, 9.30pm)

QED: The Quest for the Quagga
BBC1, 9.30pm

The quagga, which looked like a zebra from the front and a horse from the back, was one of Africa's most graceful animals. But it was hunted to extinction in the 19th century and the last known example died in Amsterdam Zoo in 1883. For the past 30 years scientists in South Africa have been working to bring the quagga back, a project that inspired Michael Crichton to write *Jurassic Park*. The breakthrough came when it was discovered that the extinct quagga and the extant Plains zebra shared almost the same DNA. The hope is that an intensive breeding programme, perhaps taking years, perhaps decades, will produce a new strain of quagga. The nine animals which started the breeding programme have grown to 53 and we see the herd being moved to the quagga's traditional homeland in the Karoo National Park.

Ally McBeal
Channel 4, 10.00pm

The danger with buying in programmes from the United States is that episodes geared to particular times of year can be shown here hopelessly out of season. Thus, at a time when our thoughts are on summer holidays, Calista Flockhart's Ally and her lawyer chums are preparing for their office Christmas party. The festive season may be starting ever earlier, but this is ridiculous. Luckily the Christmas bash is only part of the fare and there are more timeless matters to engage the attention. If the show, like Ally herself, tends to go round in circles and end up where it started there are clever interludes along the way. Tonight Ally and Georgia are assigned to a case where a man is trying to become legally married to two women at once. Because Georgia's husband is Ally's old flame, the parallels between two sets of threesomes are too good to ignore.

Critical Condition
Channel 4, 11.00pm

Opera critics are a breed who tend to dislike each other, complain about the space they are given and have a modest view of their craft. Rodney Milnes, of *The Times*, perhaps with tongue in cheek, likens his work to a sex toy, adding spice to what he hopes is an already pleasurable experience. Milnes features in the film reluctantly, because he makes it a rule never to discuss a production with anybody until he has written about it. Some of his colleagues are less inhibited, which provides Jon Ronson's report with lively material. We meet the national newspaper critic who snored his way through a recent production and blamed the composer for not keeping him awake. And we hear of the two critics who had words seven years ago and have not spoken to each other since. Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Sound Stories: Classical Heroines
Radio 3, 11.00am

Peggy Reynolds and her fellow presenters including Richard Baker have resurrected a foolproof formula for forging a link between times past and times present, or more accurately, times comparatively present. The link is music. Last week, Baker's theme was child prodigies. This week, Peggy Reynolds opts for classical heroines and you could not have anyone better qualified than her to present today's programme about Sappho, the lyric poet of 6th-century Lesbos because her book *Sappho, Romantic to Modern: The Tradition in English* will be in the bookshops next year. For the musical projection of Sappho this morning, there are works by Brahms, Giovanni Pacini, Massenet and Gounod.

Walks of Fame
Radio 4, 3.30pm

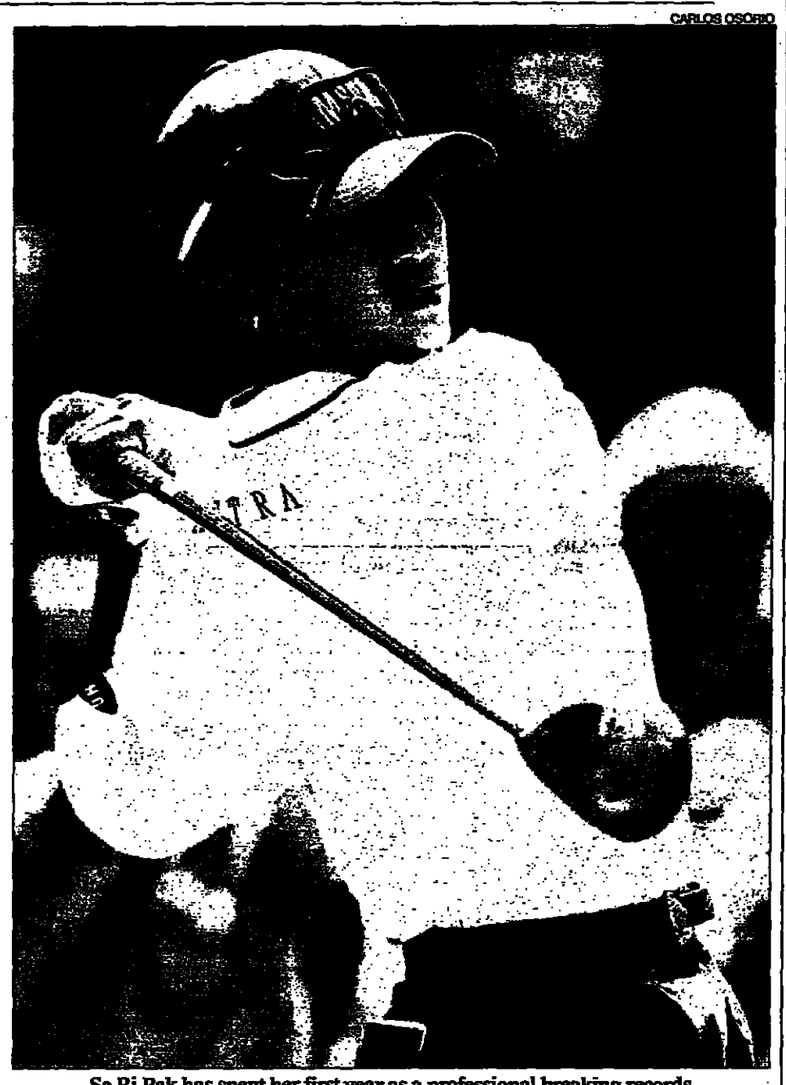
The pedigree of writers for *The Times* has much improved since the 1820s when James Curtis was around. He sent the newspaper verbatim accounts of the trial for murder of William Corder, who did away with Maria Marten in Suffolk's — and the world's — most notorious red barn. Eventually a few bound copies were made of the trial proceedings. Of what were the bindings made? Corder's skin, no less, stripped off him after he kept his appointment with the hangman. Corder's dead and gone. Or is he? Denis and Paule Pym who purchased the Marten home 26 years ago say they have encountered a ghostly figure around the house, his neck swathed in something looking like the hangman's noose. Peter Davalle

GOLF: SOUTH KOREAN PRODIGY AIMS TO BE THE TIGER WOODS OF WOMEN'S GAME

Pak is in a hurry to be proclaimed world's best

Mel Webb *marvels at the astonishing potential of Asian golf's new superstar*

CARLOS OSORIO



Se Ri Pak has spent her first year as a professional breaking records

EVERYWHERE the eyes went, there was a virtually unrelieved sea of blue rinses. This was deep in the heart of OAPs-ville, Lancashire, England. The pleasant promenade hotel in St-Annes-on-Sea, no more than 72 well-hit golf shots from Blackpool, on a swelteringly hot August afternoon, was waiting for its star guest. When she walked in, heads turned and followed her progress. Se Ri Pak had arrived, and suddenly the average age of the clientele had taken a distinct dip.

Pak is a quiet sensation, and if the words have the ring of the oxymoron about them, so be it. Still only 20, the charming South Korean is hardly more than a girl, but her achievements this year are, the envy of her peers.

Pak is a professional golfer, and an extraordinary one at that. She is in her first full season on the LPGA Tour, the women's professional circuit in the United States, and she has spent it breaking records everywhere she has been.

In England to play in the Weetabix Women's British Open, which starts at Royal Lytham and St Annes tomorrow, Pak has modest targets. She only wants to be the best woman golfer on the planet.

Unless she falls off the top of the mountain she has climbed this year, there seems little to prevent her from achieving her aim.

Pak had rarely been beyond the borders of her country when she went to the LPGA qualifying school last autumn, but that did nothing to upset her equilibrium. In the light of subsequent events, it seems hardly surprising that she won it, but at the time it was considered a performance that bordered on the incredible, and plenty of knowledgeable people said so. If only they had known.

It is unusual enough for players to win in their first year on any professional tour in world golf. Pak has won four times. It is a long way beyond the natural scheme of things for golfers to win a major championship within five years of joining the paid ranks. Pak has done it twice in eight months. If this is the beginning, the middle should be sensational.

It will surprise nobody that she has been described as the Tiger Woods of women's golf and, to be sure, there are parallels. Woods won the US Masters within a year of turning professional and Pak won two women's major championships in the same time scale. The essential difference between them is that Woods was hitting golf balls almost as soon as he had learned to walk unaided and took his first solid food. Pak has been playing the game for a mere six years.

Like Woods, she has a father who plays more of a role in her life than that of the merely supportive parent. Joon-Chul Pak is a successful builder from Daejun, a hundred miles or so south of Seoul, and it was he who brought his daughter to the game. He taught her the intricacies of the swing and also self-control with methods that occasionally strayed beyond the far side of cruel-to-be-kindness.

Se Ri once revealed to him that she was afraid of cemeteries, and Joon-Chul responded by sending her into one with a tent and forcing her to sleep among the bones of the dead. After a few days Se Ri told her father that she was no longer afraid of such places. Another lesson learnt in the subordination of fruitless and self-defeating emotions.

Like, for example, being frightened of beating some of the best women professional golfers in the world in 1998. First the McDonald's LPGA Championship fell to her and, five tournament appearances later, she took the US Women's Open after a 20-hole play-off against the amateur Jenny Chuasiriporn. She also won the Kroger Classic, in the course of which she had a 61, and the Giant Eagle LPGA Classic.

Only one player in LPGA history has won more than four tournaments in her maiden season, and that is Nancy Lopez — if Pak goes even close to emulating her heroine in the next two decades, her career will have been remarkable indeed. Lopez regards her with affection. "What's happening to her now reminds me of what happened to me 20 years ago," she said. "When she won the US Open, I was crying with her."

That moment Pak won the US Open brought, in itself, a new experience for her — she admitted that when tears sprang to her eyes, the moment she realised how happy her parents were for her, it was the first time in her life that she had cried. Self-containment may be the birthright of the people of the Orient, but it is somehow good to know that there are some things for which inscrutability is not sufficient protection.

After another day's preparation in advance of her initial competitive experience of the manifold challenges of British links golf, Pak conveyed an attitude to her sport that was paradoxical — meek and humble yet at once understatedly confident.

"Yes, I want to be the best golfer in the world," she said in her fast improving English. "And I want to be the best as fast as I can. I am impatient: I know it will not be easy, but I want everything now. I have my targets and I have not made them yet. But I will."

And at that instant, amid the quiet murmur of conversation on this hot summer day, the air went cold with the chill realisation that in the days ahead, Se Ri Pak will not be afraid as she enters the historic graveyard of golfing ambition that is Royal Lytham and St Annes.

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 11.30 Radio 1 Roadshow. Featuring Ultra Nate and B*witched in Great Yarmouth and includes at 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radcliffe 4.00 Dave Pearce 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce 6.30 Steve Lamacq: The Evening Session 8.30 Movie Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 12.00 The Breezeblock 2.00am Charlie Jordan 4.00 Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Johnnie Walker 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Alex Lester 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Nick Barraclough 8.00 Mike Harding 9.00 George Benson: The Celebrity Soul Show. The popular singer and guitarist chooses favourite tracks by Black Street, James Brown and the Bee Gees 10.00 Top of the Pops on 2 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Annie Othen

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme. Peter Allen and Eleanor Oldroyd present news, weather, travel and sport 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm Ruscoe and Co. Guest of the day and live reports from the day's big events 4.00 Nationwide. Julian Worricker with news and sports action 7.00 News Extra. David McNeill with a full round-up and the main sports bulletin of the day 7.30 John Inverdale's Football Night. Coverage of the first-round, first-leg matches in the Worthington Cup; including the National Lottery draw 10.00 Late Night Live. Comprehensive round-up of the day's news and sport with Nick Robinson 1.00am Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp 5.00 Morning Reports

TALK RADIO

6.30am The New Talk Radio Breakfast 9.00 Scott Chisholm 11.00 Lorraine Kelly 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Dealey 7.00 Nick Abbot 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins and the Creatures of the Night 5.00 Bill Overton

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am News 7.15 Insight 7.30 Sports International 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Meridian Live 9.00 News; (648 only) News in Gemart 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Westway 9.30 Everywoman 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 The Farming World 10.30 Private Lives 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 One Planet 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Sports International 1.00 News; (648 only) News in German 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Heads And Tails 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Megamix 4.00 News 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 Performance 4.30 Everywoman; (648 only) News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 Insight 6.30 From Our Own Correspondent (648 only) News in German 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Proms '98 8.24 News 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack X-Press 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 On Screen 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Insight 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Multitrack X-Press 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Omnibus 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Meridian Books 4.00 News 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 The World Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 8.00 Henry Kelly. Includes Record of the Week and the High Flyer 12.00 Lunchtime Requests 2.00pm Concerto. Herbert (Cello Concerto No 2 in E minor) 3.00 Michael Mappin 6.30 Newsnight 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven 9.00 Evening Concert. Janáček (Sinfonietta; String Quartet No 2, Intimate Letters; On an overgrown path; Taras Bulba) 11.00 Mann at Night 2.00am Concerto Herbert (Cello Concerto No 2 in E minor) (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Chris Evans 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Robin Banks 7.30 Ray Cokes 10.00 Paul Coyte 1.30am Peter Poulton 4.30 Jeremy Clark

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Petroc Trelawny. Sibelius (Suite, Pelleas et Melisande, excerpts); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E flat, Op 81a)
9.00 **Masterworks**, with Peter Hobday. Vivaldi (Concerto in C, RV444); Monteverdi (Six madrigals from Book 1); Mondonville (Piece de clavecin en sonata in F, Op 3 No 2)
10.30 **Proms Artist of the Week: Thomas Allen**
11.00 **Sound Stories: Classical Heroines.** See Choice
12.00 **Proms Composer of the Week: Berlioz**
1.00pm **The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert.** Introduced by Nicola Heywood Thomas. Coull Quartet. Mendelssohn (Capriccio in E minor, Op 81 No 3); Schubert (String Quartet in C minor, D703); Beethoven (String Quartet in E flat, Op 74, Harp)
2.00 **BBC Proms 98.** National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain under Mstislav Rostropovich (r)
4.00 **Choral Evensong.** Recorded in St George's Cathedral, Cape Town, South Africa
5.00 **In Tune.** Sean Rafferty introduces Sibelius's *En Saga* and ballet music from Holst's *The Perfect Fool*
7.30 **BBC Proms 98.** New to the Proms, one of Haydn's endlessly inventive symphonies, and arias by Gluck from his political operas on Greek myths. Thomas Allen, baritone, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Heinrich Schiff. Haydn (Symphony No 70 in D; Dice Benissimo La Scuola di Gelosi; Un Cor Si Tenero Il Disertore); Gluck (Overture, Alceste 8.20 The Politics of the Romantic Hero. The heroes and heroines of Romantic art have traditionally been represented as exiles from politics and society. But are they viewed differently now? 8.40 Concert, part two. Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica)
9.50 **Postscript: Novel Concerns.** The grim reality of the post-imperial city, zone of crime and moral puzzles (r)
10.15 **Thomas Whythorne, Gent.** Robert Hardy reads a second selection of excerpts from the autobiography of the Elizabethan composer Thomas Whythorne
10.45 **Something Nasty in the Bookshop.** Kevin Jackson explores the life of Kyrill Bonfiglioli — best known as the writer of the Mortdecai books, a trilogy about a corrupt and flamboyant art dealer and his brutish valet, Jock (r)
11.30 **Jazz Notes.** Alyn Shipton introduces a concert given by the Dutch Swing College Band as part of the 1998 Wigan Jazz Festival
12.00 **Proms Composer of the Week: Elgar** (r)
1.00am **Through the Night**

RADIO 4

6.00am **Today**, with Alex Brodie and John Humphrys. Includes 6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day
9.00 **Mothers and Sons.** The *Times* columnist Matthew Parris and his mother, Terry, interview the war reporter John Sweeney and his mother, Barbara
9.30 **Diaries of Today.** Father Kit Cunningham, priest at St Ethelreda's in the City of London
9.45 (FM) **J.R.R. Tolkien's Rovarandom: The Other Side of the Moon.** Read by Neil Pearson (3/5)
9.45 (LW) **Daily Service**
10.00 **News; Woman's Hour**, with Martha Kearney
11.00 **News; Rural Lives.** The decline in the influence of the Church of England in the countryside
11.30 **Punchlines: Ventriloquism.** Hugh Dennis presents six programmes looking at different styles of comedy
12.00 **News; You and Yours** 12.57 Weather
12.00 (LW) **News Headlines; Shipping Forecast**
1.00 **The World at One**, with Nick Clarke
1.30 **X Marks the Spot.** Cryptic quiz with Pete McCarthy
2.00 **News; The Archers** (r)
2.15 **Afternoon Play: The Beat Goes On — Sing Our Own Song.** Four plays charting the musical lives of a black family from 1919 to the present day. With Patrice Nalambana, John Brobby and Darren Warner
3.00 **News; Gardeners' Question Time.** Nigel Colborn, Bob Flowerdew and Pippa Greenwood are guests of the National Trust at Chartwell in Kent (r)
3.30 **Walls of Fame.** A look at the cottage where Maria Martin, author of *Murder in the Red Barn*, lived
3.45 **Obsession: Object of Desire**, by Julia Stoneham, read by Penelope Wilton
4.00 **News; Four Walls.** Courtyards, cloisters and roof terraces — the charms of private domains
4.30 **Thinking Allowed**, with Laurie Taylor
5.00 **PM**, with Clare English and Eddie Mair 5.54 (LW) Shipping Forecast 5.57 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **Dan and Nicki: The Wildebeest Years.** A seven-part comedy extravaganza written by and featuring Dan Freedman and Nick Romero, who introduce characters including musical legend Mundo Jazz and Incy Wincy Quincy, spider pathologist (r)
7.00 **News; The Archers** 7.15 Front Row
7.45 **Dear Jayne Browne**, by Michael Butt. With Jill Balcon, Stella Gonet and Lizzie McInnerny (3/5) (r)
8.00 **News; Straw Poll.** Justin Webb chairs a debate entitled *Sex is Responsible for More Trouble Than Pleasure*. From the LSE Gender Institute in London. Last in series
8.45 **Kurd's Eye View** (r)
9.00 **News; Ella's Story.** Geoff Watts finds out how a special care baby unit helps a premature baby to survive
9.30 **Mothers and Sons** (r)
10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Fame is the Spur**, by Howard Spring, read by David Calder (8/10)
11.00 **Late Night on 4: Trust Me, I'm a Policeman**, by Robert Smith. John Woodvine stars as Detective Sergeant Watts, who takes a work-experience youth on a stakeout. With David Antrobus
11.15 **Stereonation.** Graham Duff presents a fast-forward through the world of music obsessives
11.30 **The Nuptse** (r)
12.00 **News** 12.30am **The Late Book: The Shipping News.** E Annie Proulx's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, abridged by Pat McLoughlin, read by William Hutt (8/10) (r)
12.48 **Shipping Forecast** 1.00 **As World Service**
5.20 **World News** 5.35 **Shipping Forecast**
5.40 **Inshore Forecast** 5.45 **Prayer for the Day**
5.47 **Farming Today**, with Anna Hill

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FOOTBALL QUIZ

Answers from page 37

AFANC
(b) An aquatic monster in Celtic mythology. In medieval Welsh and Irish, it also seems to have meant a beaver. It seems likely that the original sense was "river animal", which by extension came also to mean "water sprite". "I hope no one revives the afanc which used to emerge from a lake near my house in Cardiganshire to devour cattle."

FIARD
(a) Also *fjard*. An arm of the sea similar to a fiord but having a broader and more irregular shape and occurring on coasts of lower relief. The Swedish word for a bay, cognate with fiord. "Fiards are shorter and shallower than fiords. Norway is a fiord country, while Sweden has few fiords, but many fiards."

ANECDOTARD
(a) A dotard given to recounting anecdotes. A jocular blend of *anecdote* and *dotard*. Rudyard Kipling, *Something of Myself*, 1937: "Americans are too much anecdotards; the French too much orators for this fight-handed game."

FORMATORE
(a) A modeller in wax or plaster; a technical assistant who repairs or restores pottery, metalwork, etc. The agent-noun from the Italian *formare* to form. "Formatore to the Science and Art Department, the Trustees of the British Museum, and the Royal Academy of Arts."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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Westwood to drive with care

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN SEATTLE

LEE WESTWOOD took one look at the thousands of cedar trees, spruce and Douglas pines that line the fairways at Sahalee Country Club, 25 miles east of Seattle, and decided that Sahalee, which means high heavenly ground in Chinook, was anything but.

"It's dangerous out there wherever you look," he said after his first practice round for the eightieth US PGA Championship, which starts here tomorrow.

With the fairways being made to seem even narrower by the height of the trees — many more than 100 feet tall — some competitors will resort to using irons from the tee. Not Westwood. "I shall use my driver as often as I can," the Englishman said, echoing the policy that stood him in good stead during the US Open in San Francisco in June, where he finished seventh. "If you hit it straight there is no reason not to use it."



Montgomerie: hard work

When you think of accurate drivers, Colin Montgomerie springs to mind, though he is not as accurate as he used to be. "People are hitting it straighter than before," he said. "The bonus I used to have is dwindling."

Montgomerie has engaged Dave Pelz, an American who specialises in teaching the short game. Pelz will be here to work with Montgomerie on putting. It is on the greens that the Scot feels his golf has been at its weakest.

Bernhard Langer and Mark McNulty — both injured — have withdrawn, as has Darren Clarke, who is at home with his wife and new son, Tyrone.

Youth TV: dated without having matured

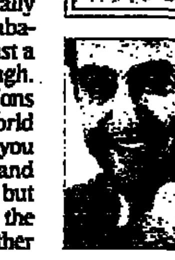
Long before Tony Blair hired Frank Field to think the unthinkable, people who were keen to make waves often thought it fashionable to hire Janet Street-Porter to think the unthinkable. Like Frank Field, Janet Street-Porter would later waltz off in a huff, astonished that the rest of the world was too dim to recognise her talents. Again like Field, Street-Porter has never lost faith in her visionary genius.

She reminded us again just how influential she had been in **Watch This Or The Dog Dies — The History of Youth TV** (BBC2), explaining that Youth TV "was a brave attempt to raise the standard of journalism, to talk to young people about their world in the way that they could understand". Sadly, many people did not agree: they thought that limiting so-called serious interviews to roughly the same length as a television commercial, or insisting that only young, well-dressed, beardless experts could be interviewed on serious subjects, did not so much constitute "a brave attempt to raise the standard of journalism" as just another attempt by a television executive to deliver larger audiences, whatever it took.

What it eventually took was the sort of raised standard of journalism we saw in the "Hopefuls" slot on *The Word*, in which teenagers were made to lick an old man's false teeth (freshly removed from his mouth), or to drink pints of vomit, as a way of buying a moment of television exposure. As Adam, of *The Adam And Joe Show*, put it: "The 'Hopefuls' was the cynical conclusion to the whole youth TV thing. It was turning the camera on the audience and it just reduced the whole youth equation to: 'You are idiots. You'll do anything to be on TV. Do something grotesque, now!' And they did."

Youth TV believed that you could never underestimate the intelligence of the teenage viewing public, and maybe it was finally proved wrong. For all the hullabaloo it created, Youth TV was just a silly phase we were going through. As with punks and teensy portions of nouvelle cuisine, the world moves on. Like many things you do when you're 15, it looked and sounded great at the time, but when you look back through the photos now, it just looks rather embarrassing and naïve.

REVIEW



Joe Joseph

Did it even work? Maybe. But *Eurotrash* — presented by a 40-year-old man in a suit — attracts far bigger 16 to 24-year-old audiences for Channel 4 than *The Word* ever did. More young people watched *One Foot in the Grave* than watched anything aimed directly at them. As for the claim made last night by Charlie Parsons — managing director of Channel 24, makers of *The Big Breakfast* — that without Janet Street-Porter's *Network 7* (on which Parsons was a presenter) there would be no *Newsnight*, you can more likely imagine Jeremy Paxman reacting with a quizzical "Really, Charlie?" than by saying "Well, Chancellor, if you want airtime to explain why you thought Frank Field's ideas were unworkable, you're going to have to drink this cup of Mr Field's bile."

Those who miss the buzz of Youth TV might consider taking up mountain-climbing. In **Equinox: Thin Air** (Channel 4), a physiologist explained what happens to climbers as they approach the summit of Mount Everest: "Judgment becomes impaired, the person becomes confused, they don't even know where they are. As it gets worse, people hallucinate." Sound like Terry Christian?

But after watching this attempt to investigate how many of those who die climbing Everest are felled by hypoxia — lack of oxygen to the brain — you wonder if sucking an old man's false teeth just so that you can appear on television is any barmier than climbing Everest. For every six successful ascents of Everest, one person dies. In 1996, eight members of an Everest expedition died in one day. But each year more people make the ascent — so many that they have to queue: there are traffic jams half way up the mountain, with climbers strung out along ropes like laundry flapping on a line.

Made by the climber and film-maker David Breashears, last night's film almost turned into a snuff movie as one exhausted member of the party, David Carter, seemed to be on the brink of death on the descent. The mountain is speckled with dead bodies, because when you die at 26,000 ft nobody has the energy to carry your corpse; or even the empty oxygen bottles or bent tent poles. Camp IV, at 26,000 ft, is the highest junkyard in the world.

The idea of the trip was to monitor the climbers' heart rate, oxygen absorption and mental agility on the ascent. It soon became clear that the climbers lost touch with reality the nearer they got to the summit, where the air is too thin to sustain life, even bird and plant life. But for a proper controlled experiment, we need to know just how mad they were in the first place even to consider such an adventure.

Charlie Parsons may be right about the lingering legacy of Youth TV, though maybe it is shows such as **Ground Force** (BBC2) rather than *Newsnight* which carry the traces. What started out as a garden-makeover programme is turning into a strimmers' Girlie Show, with the bra-less Charlie Dimmock suddenly elevated into man-bait. This week she is posing semi-naked on the cover of *Radio Times*. Last night, as Alan Titchmarsh went about transforming a tip of a garden in Warwickshire through a heavy rainstorm, the camera followed Charlie as her clingy green top turned the show from a gardening programme into a wet T-shirt competition. Just you see if they don't get that Terry Christian to host the next series.

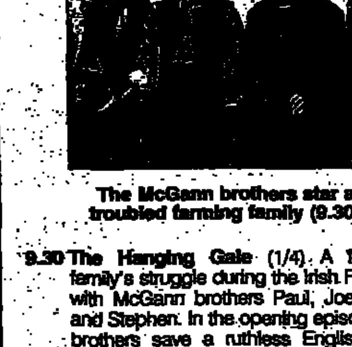
BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (91541)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (61725)
9.00 Kilroy Parents who have tipped off the police about their children's criminal activities (T) (6997725)
9.40 What Now? A woman keen to lose weight; and a man who wants his housemate to mend his ways (T) (6034015)
10.05 Easy Money Financial quiz (1251763)
10.30 The Rankin Challenge The chef Paul Rankin helps two novice cooks to make the perfect soufflé (80299)
11.00 News (T) (7686522)
11.05 Good Living (r) (T) (4994164)
11.30 All Over the Shop (r) (4432183)
11.55 News (T) (2085386)
12.00 Every Second Counts (r) (T) (64251)
12.30pm A Word in Your Ear (r) (T) (68134)
1.00 News (T) and weather (64812)
1.30 Regional News (T) (46435305)
1.40 Neighbours (T) (27883763)
2.05 Perry Mason (r) (T) (9380102)
3.35 Noddy (r) (2671314) **3.45** Playdays (r) (3584305) **4.05** Popeye (r) (3582251) **4.10** Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (r) (T) (5728980) **4.35** The Wild House (r) (T) (3220183) **5.00** Newsround (T) (2277909) **5.10** The Biz (r) (T) (7160638)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (970676)
6.00 News (T) and weather (831)
6.30 Regional News (T) (183)
7.00 Holiday: Fasten Your Seatbelt John Holdsworth *becomes a steward on the* Orient Express; and Ross Kelly takes charge of a gondola in Venice (r) (T) (7893)
7.30 Tomorrow's World Report from Heathrow on the latest innovations in airport safety; plus the development of a new breed of humanoid robot (T) (967)
8.00 Vets in Practice: Good Times and Bad *Fiona races against time to save a* Staffordshire bull terrier which has eaten rat poison; Steve deals with an iguana suffering from a nutritional deficiency, and an anorexic tortoise (T) (6541)
8.30 The National Lottery Draw (T) (923034)
8.45 Points of View Viewers' opinions, presented by Carol Vorderman (913657)
9.00 News (T) and weather (5270)
9.29 National Lottery Update (474744)
9.30 **QED: Quest for the Quagga** Cameras follow a group of African scientists as they attempt to resurrect the quagga, a cross between a horse and a zebra, which has been extinct for more than a century (T) (27218)
10.00 Top Gun (1986) Arrogant pilot Tom Cruise's maverick flying skills earn him a place in an elite US Navy squadron, where he comes into conflict with fellow students and falls for tutor Kelly McGillis. Directed by Tony Scott (104102)
11.45 Checkered Flag (1990) with Bill Campbell, *Rob Estes, Amanda Wyss and* Carrie Hamilton. A racing driver loses his girlfriend to an old pal and vows revenge. Directed by Michael L. Levine (272522)
1.20am Weather (6571077)
1.25 BBC News 24

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BBC2

6.35am Work and Energy (3936251)
7.00 Open a Door (r) (8407725) **7.05** Teletubbies (r) (8724164) **7.30** Bertha (r) (2061473) **7.45** Smurfs' Adventures (r) (5118015) **8.10 Get** Your Own Back (r) (T) (2887541) **8.35** X-Men (r) (T) (9218164) **9.05** Kenan and Kel (r) (8319788) **9.30** Smart (r) (94980) **10.00** Teletubbies (r) (1250034)
10.25 Cricket: NatWest Trophy — Leicestershire v Derbyshire Live coverage of today's 60-overs-per-side second semi-final at Grace Road. Introduced by Richie Benaud, with commentary from Jack Bannister and Geoffrey Boycott. (25925386)
12.45pm The Beechgrove Garden The Mount Stuart Gardens on the Scottish island of Bute; primulas; and the Hit Squad lend Carol Smillie a helping hand (170638)
1.15 Cricket: NatWest Trophy — Leicestershire v Derbyshire Return to Grace Road. Includes News and weather at **2.40, 3.25** (47670589)
NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to delay and alteration
7.30 European Athletics Sue Barker and Brendan Foster introduce track and field action from this evening's Weltklasse Grand Prix meeting in Zurich. Featuring Wilson Boit Kipketer, Haile Gebrselassie, Hicham El Guerrouj and Donovan Bailey competing alongside Michael Johnson and Britain's Mark Richardson, Iwan Thomas and Jonathan Edwards (50725)
8.30 Looking Good Fashion tips for the over-50s, salon styling at home, and the essential items for the image-conscious man. Plus: how to find the right colours to match skin tones. Presented by Lowri Turner (T) (3218)
9.00 Steptoe and Son (r) (T) (3812)

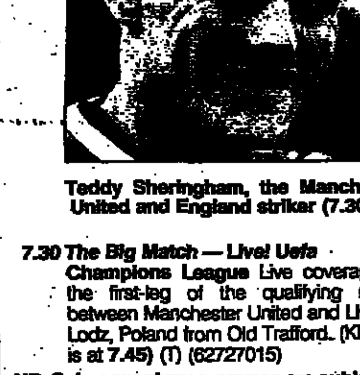


The McGann brothers star as a troubled farming family (9.30pm)

9.30 The Hanging Gale (1/4) A farming family's struggle during the Irish Famine, with McGann brothers Paul, Joe, Mark and Stephen. In the opening episode the brothers save a ruthless English land agent from being lynched. Also with Michael Kitchen (r) (T) (288367)
10.20 Trade Secrets: Fish Keepers (411560)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (400947)
11.15 Cricket: NatWest Trophy Highlights (896980)
12.00 European Athletics Highlights from Zurich (9629232)
12.25am Weather (1903446)
12.30 Learning Zone: *O U: Synthesis of a Drug* (72139) **1.00** Organic Chemists: Molecular Engineers (74690) **1.30** The Cretaceous Greenhouse (16110) **2.00** Historical Figures 4: Great revolutionaries (31619) **4.00** Travel Hour Italy: Tuscany and Rome (42961) **5.00** Business and Training (2891665) **5.45** O U: Watering the Desert (84619)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (9740378)
9.25 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (3940947)
10.30 The Good Family (1990) Black comedy with Mary Tyler Moore, Tony Curtis and Kelly *Curtis. Gion Tinanescu directs* (83324164)
12.20pm Regional News (9178638)
12.30 News (T) and weather (92522)
1.00 Shortland Street (59980) **1.30** Home and Away (T) (91893) **2.00** Lunch in the Sun (T) (8635251) **2.45** Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (187928)
3.15 News (T) (4598102)
3.20 Regional News (T) (4595015)
3.25 Tots TV (r) (4585638) **3.35** Jays' World (r) (4376742) **3.45** Slim Pig (r) (4271196) **4.00** Chatterhappy Ponies (T) (3509928) **4.10** Garfield and Friends (3598812) **4.20** Walter Melon (T) (5742560) **4.45** The Scoop (T) (3244763)
5.10 WALES: Painting Wild Wales (1775831)
5.10 Kidstuff (1775831)
5.40 News (T) and weather (846270)
6.00 Home and Away (258909)
6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight (451183)
6.25 HTV Weather (897305)
6.30 The West Tonight (T) (251)
7.00 Emmerdale Pollard plans a dramatic escape (T) (2589)



Teddy Sheringham, the Manchester United and England striker (7.30pm)

7.30 *The Big Match — Live! Uefa* Champions League Live coverage of the first-leg of the qualifying round between Manchester United and LKS Lodz, Poland from Old Trafford. (Kick-off is at **7.45**) (T) (62727015)
NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to delay and alteration
9.45 Coronation Street Hayley is the talk of the factory; Kevin makes new arrangements for buying Natalie out of the garage (T) (341299)
10.15 News (T) and weather (326980)
10.45 Regional News (888386)
11.00 Somebody Has to Shoot the Picture (1990) With Roy Scheider, Bonnie Bedelia *and Robert Carradine. Melodrama about* a Florida gangster on death row whose last reprieve is denied. Directed by Frank Pierson (715367)
12.50am The President's Child (1992, TVM) with Donna Mills, William Devane and James Read. A female journalist and her son become the victims of a hate campaign. Based on a novel by Fay Weldon. Directed by Sam Pillsbury (503961)
2.40 One Summer in Bronte Country (9619459) **3.05** Vanessa (2929936) **3.45** Cybernet (60134503) **4.10** Coach (21147313) **4.35** Nightscreen (64956868) **5.00** Coronation Street (63042) **5.30** News (99394)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
1.00pm A Country Practice (59980)
1.30 Lunch in the Sun (7520812)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1775831)
6.25-7.00 Central News (451183)
10.55 FILM: In the Shadow of Evil (51589763)
12.40am FILM: The President's Child (792313)
2.25 One Summer in Bronte Country (4630416)
3.00 Vanessa (2920665)
3.40 Cybernet (60052955)
4.10 Central Jobfinder '98 (9399868)
5.20 Asian Eye (1692690)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.15pm-12.30 News (6475980)
1.00 Emmerdale (59980)
1.30 Lunch in the Sun (7520812)
5.08 Birthday People (4863152)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1775831)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (16611)
10.55 Power Game (472473)
11.25 Tropical Heat (803270)
12.15am Tales from the Crypt (7293787)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
10.25 Justice of the Land (5034251)
11.25 Blue Heelers (8249560)
5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (1775831)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (299)
6.30-7.00 Crown and Country (251)
10.45 Meridian News and Weather (502454)
11.00 The Road Show (2183)
11.30 The Drew Carey Show (40744)
12.00am Renegade (4118077)
5.00 Freescreen (63042)

ANGLIA

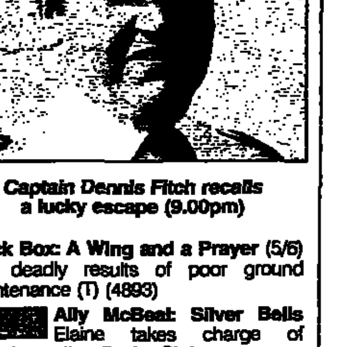
As HTV West except:
10.25 Justice of the Land (5034251)
11.25 Blue Heelers (8249560)
1.00pm-1.30 Dinosaurs (59980)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1775831)
6.24 Anglia Weather (898034)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (451183)
10.45 Anglia News and Weather (502454)
11.00 FILM: Miami Blues (715367)

S4C

Starts: **6.00am Sesame Street** (84251) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (87763) **9.00 The Bigger Breakfast** (8133657) **9.05 Sam and Max** (9818636) **9.30 Saved by the Bell** (29676) **10.00 Bug Juice** (5675812) **10.40 Sister Sister** (1872180) **11.10 Wise Up** (8424183) **11.45 Madison** (2938580) **12.30pm The Cosby Show** (90164) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (77891015) **1.15 Smot y Cl** (77889270) **1.30 FILM: The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex** (14541) **3.30 Watercolour Challenge** (657) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One: The Big Winners** (164) **4.30 Ricki Lake** (676) **5.00 5 Pump** (9012102) **5.15 Celfagati** (3286541) **6.00 Newyddion 6** (610183) **6.10 Heno** (292367) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (190299) **7.25 Dysgwr Y Flwyddyn** (302763) **8.00 Gair Am Aur** (9251) **8.30 Newyddion** (8386) **9.00 More Tales of the City** (4893) **10.00 Brookside** (359589) **10.35 Ally McBeal** (236299) **11.30 Sacred Weeds** (69589) **12.30am Edinburgh of Bust** (63435) **1.00 Your Money and Your Life** (34145) **2.00 Diwedd** (4274936) **5.55 Sesame Street** (1364077)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (84251)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (T) (87763)
9.00 The Bigger Breakfast (8133657) **9.05** Sam and Max (9818636) **9.30** Saved By *the Bell* (r) (T) (29676) **10.00** Bug Juice (T) (5675812) **10.40** Sister Sister (r) (1872180) **11.10** Wise Up (r) (T) (8424183) **11.45** Madison (2938580) **12.30pm** Mission Impossible (5896744)
1.35 Sunday in New York (1963) Comedy with Jane Fonda, Rod Taylor, Cliff Robertson. An airline pilot is full of admiration when he discovers his sister refuses to sleep with her fiancé before they are married. But when she discovers he doesn't apply the same rules to his relationships she becomes determined to lose her virginity. Directed by Peter Tewksbury (T) (90253541)
3.30 Watercolour Challenge (T) (657) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One: The Big Winners (T) (164) ***4.30*** *Countdown (T) (3214522)* ***4.55*** *Ricki* Lake (r) (T) (2783638)
5.30 Pet Rescuers (T) (928)
6.00 Party of Five (T) (296183)
6.50 Fresh Pop (925812)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (761367)
7.55 Shapes of the Invisible The inner *structure* of clay (T) (231270)
8.00 Brookside Eleanor is confused by her feelings for Marcus (T) (9251)
8.30 **Deals on Wheels** (5/6) Advice on buying a second-hand car from Mike Brewer and Richard Sutton (T) (8386)



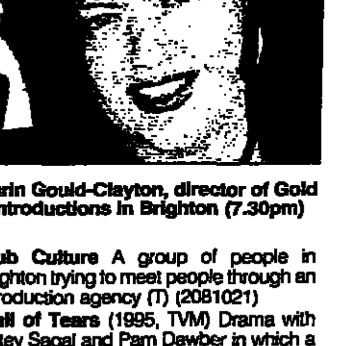
Captain Dennis Fitch recalls a lucky escape (9.00pm)

9.00 Black Box: A Wing and a Prayer (5/6) The deadly results of poor ground maintenance (T) (4893)
10.00 **Ally McBeal: Silver Bells** Elaine takes charge of organising the firm's Christmas party. Ally, Georgia and Cage are assigned a ground-breaking case (T) (7980)
11.00 **Critical Condition** (2/4) Exploring the relationship between the principal newspaper opera critics in Britain (T) (8025)
11.30 Edinburgh or Bust (3/6) Comedians from all over world make their way to the Fringe festival (48386)
12.00 In the Eyes of a Stranger (1992, TVM) with Justine Bateman and Richard Dean Anderson. A woman witnesses an underworld shootout. Directed by Michael Toshiyuki Uno (194077)
1.45am Dead End (1937, b/w) with Sylvia Sidney, Joel McCrea and Humphrey *Bogart. Drama about life in the New York* slums. William Wyler directs (596752)
3.25 Camography (2515058)
4.00 Trackside (88400)
4.30 Gamesmaster (r) (84023)
5.00 Trans World Sport (r) (8264689)
5.55 Sesame Street (1364077)

CHANNEL 5

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6.00am 5 News and sport (3078742)
7.00 WideWorld (r) (T) (8126763) **7.30** Milkshake! (6494763) **7.35** Dappledown Farm (r) (2829102) ***8.00*** *Havakazoo* (6931183) **8.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (6930454) **9.00** Starting from Scratch (5713812) **9.25** Second Noah (4663218) **10.20** Sunset Beach (T) (1786560) **11.10** Leeza (r) (6395183)
12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (6934270) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (3664454) **1.00** The *Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8125034)* **1.30** Sons and Daughters (3663725)
2.00 Comanche Territory (1950) Western with Maureen O'Hara and Macdonald Carey. A bar owner sets out to stop Bowie knife inventor Jim Bowie's friendship with a hostile Indian tribe. Directed by George Sherman (98586541)
3.20 Deadline: Madrid (1989, TVM) Drama with Brynn Thayer and Leigh Lawson. A foreign correspondent and a photographer team up to investigate when a colleague is murdered while probing a gun-running operation in Africa. Directed by John Patterson (82365096)
5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Men Apologise to Women (6871183)
6.00 100 Per Cent (8681265)
6.30 Family Affairs (T) (4986657)
7.00 5 News (T) (3540638)



Karin Gould-Clayton, director of Gold Introductions in Brighton (7.30pm)

7.30 Club Culture A group of people in Brighton trying to meet people through an introduction agency (T) (2081021)
8.00 Trail of Tears (1995, TVM) Drama with Katey Sagal and Pam Dawber in which a suburban mother and a Las Vegas blackjack dealer are thrown together when their husbands snatch their children. Directed by Donald Wrye (69639541)
9.45 Asian Connection: Road to Mandalay (1995, TVM) Thriller with John Waters and Pat Morita about a South-East Asian former journalist-turned-detective hired to investigate the murder of an Asian crimelord's daughter and grandson (5910541)
11.35 The Pepsi Chart (9503676)
12.05am Major League Baseball — Live (38720348)
4.40 Madman of the People (55761936)
5.05 Throb (18498077)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (8945139)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

● For further listings see Saturday's *Vision*

SKY 1

6.00am Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters (18096) **8.30** Street Sharks (17367) **9.00** Garfield and Friends (31947) **9.30** The Simpsons (36980) **10.00** Games World (2248947) **10.15** Games World (2221270) **10.30** Just Kidding (20831) **11.00** The Superman (17928) **12.00** Married with Children (11183) **12.30pm** M*A*S*H (4178251) **12.55** Special K Collection (65375247) **1.00** Geraldo (3988744) **1.55** Special K Collection (42895744) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (1993522) **2.55** Special K Collection (8309218) **3.00** Jenny Jones (3964454) **3.55** Special K Collection (7674748) **4.00** Oprah (57909) **5.00** Star Trek: Voyager (9034) **6.00** The Nanny (1367) **6.30** Married with Children (5947) **7.00** The Simpsons (4873) **7.30** Real TV (4831) **8.00** Stargate SG-1 (92560) **9.00** The Outer Limits (69096) **10.00** Caribbean *Uncovered* (82183) **11.00** Star Trek: Voyager (99893) **12.00** Nowhere Man (6223771) **1.20am** Long Play (83911787)

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SKY BOX OFFICE 1 (Transponder 28) ***Men in Black*** **(1997)**
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SKY BOX OFFICE 4 (Transponder 58) **Scream (1997)**

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

6.00am ***Stand PG*** **(1988)** (525657) **9.00 The Honey Pot (1967)** (84694229) **11.15 The Adventures of Pinocchio (1996)** (65247386) **1.00pm Emma (1996)** (89857) **3.00 Big (1988)** (72164) **5.00 The Adventures of Pinocchio (1996)** (27744) **7.00 Emma (1996)** (27305) **9.00 Breach of Faith: A Family of Cops II (1996)** (49683947) **10.45 Breaking the Waves (1996)** (29247270) **1.25am Blonde Heaven (1994)** (1472061) **2.50 Betrayed (1988)** (53452077)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

6.00am Forty Guns to Apache Pass (1966) (80309893) **7.35 The Foxes of Harrow (1947)** (23425084) **9.35 Rock Around the Clock (1956)** (6597909) **10.55 Lost in Alaska (1952)** (8275926) **12.10pm Bogus (1996)** (167183) **2.00 The Foxes of Harrow (1947)** (70855) **4.00 Lost in Alaska (1952)** (44857) **5.30 Bogus (1996)** (34909) **7.30** *E! News Week in Review* (7541) **8.00 Home for the Holidays (1995)** (96386) **10.00 Ransom (1996)** (33183) **12.00 Serial Killer (1995)** (906868) **1.35am The Cold Equations.** **15** (236348) **3.10 Wishman (1996)** (4650232) **4.40 Rock Around the Clock (1956)** (7279413)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Sabrina (1954) (6088560) **6.00 The Assassination Bureau (1969)** (3691909) **8.00 Blood Blues (1988)** (3696454) **10.00 Fatal Attraction (1987)** (9454367) **12.00 Cobra (1986)** (9884888) **1.30am Bull Durham (1988)** (4925665) **3.20 Une Femme Francaise (1995)** (3938232) **4.55 Close**

TNT

9.00pm Gigi (1958) (39010857) **11.00 The Good Earth (1936)** (13688639) **1.30am Go West (1940)** (96366139) **3.00 Gigi (1958)** (14736503) **5.00 Close**

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (5253980) **7.15** Wrestling (779183) **8.15** Sports Centre (9455725) **8.30** Racing (42164) **9.00** Aerobics (86744) **9.30** Footballers' Football Show (38102) **10.30** Inside Scottish Football (19589) **11.30** V-Max (14218) **12.00** Aerobics (49980) **12.30pm** Football (28164) **2.30** Inside Scottish Football (75270) **3.30** Footballers' Football Show (25836) **4.30** Fastrax (3744) **5.00** Wrestling (9676) **6.00** Sports Centre (1909) **6.30** Motorcycling (5589) **7.00** Euro Tour Weekly (6855) **7.30** Powerboats (4473) **8.00** Cricket (45218) **10.00** Sports Centre (784893) **10.15** Snooker (762473) **12.15am** Sports Centre (1843077) **12.30** World of Super League (15145) **2.30** Motorcycling (65684) **3.00** Sports Centre (51141706)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics (6088473) **7.30** Sports Centre (4096541) **7.45** Racing (3698831) **8.15** Fastrax *(7785270)* **8.45** Sports Centre (1114299) **9.00** Fish TV (7671763) **10.00** Fastrax (4952386) **10.30** Baseball (3922744) **12.30pm** Golf (7935473) **1.30** Golf Extra (4387657) **4.30** Snooker (2600218) **6.30** Winning Post: Sandown & Hamilton — Live (2779251) **8.30** Golf Extra (8869015) **11.30** Euro Tour Weekly (4941270) **12.00** Motorcycling (7555771) **12.30am** Sports Centre (3820584) **12.45** Watersports (7148787) **1.45** Pool (7064771) ***2.45*** *Sports Centre (86132400)*

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00pm Wrestling (85258305) **1.00pm** Fish TV (85234725) **2.00** Boxing (96205657) **3.00** Sportraits (90235218) **3.30** Baseball (19389831) **5.30** Euro Tour Weekly (20859893) **6.00** Watersports (85254589) **7.00** Fish TV (39093980) **8.00** World of Super League (39013744) **10.00** Olympic Series (39092251) ***11.00*** *Entertainers:* Manchester United (84192560) **11.30** Close

EUROSPORT

7.30am Mountain Biking (39980) **8.00** Indycar Miller Lite 200 (17763) **9.30** Football (80102) **11.00** Women's Golf (58928) **12.00** Motocross (71676) **12.30pm** Mountain Biking (67819) **1.00** Sailing (53744) **1.30** Tennis (99560) **2.00** Tennis (32560) **3.30** Motorsport (23251) ***5.00*** *Football (4744)* **6.00** Tennis: Great American Insurance Championship — Live (26541) **8.00** Boxing (27270) **9.00** Darts (47034) **10.00** Football (99283) **12.00** Mountain Biking (74077)

UK GOLD

7.00am Crossroads (5289034) **7.30** Neighbours (6834589) **7.55** EastEnders (8933980) **8.30** The Bill (9291541) **9.00** The Bill (8282893) **9.30** Bergerac (6053541) **10.30** The Sullivans (8211305) **11.00** Dallas (4372657) **11.55** Neighbours (33190744) **12.25pm** EastEnders (3640657) **1.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7412015) **2.00** Dallas (1722980) **2.55** The Bill (1597831) **3.25** The Bill (8699744) **3.55** Bergerac (2719454) **4.55** EastEnders (1259909) **5.30** Home to Roost (1572909) **6.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7492251) **7.00** 2point4 Children (7588876) **7.40** Dad's Army (3168522) **8.20** Detectives (8485299) **9.00** One Foot in the Grave (4504589) **9.40** Common as Muck (43079763) **11.05** The Bill (6424247) **11.35** The Bill (3818102) **12.05am** Canned Carrott (6123023) **12.45** Comic Strip Presents (4836482) **1.20** FILM: Cameron's Closet (1988) (8887787) **2.55** Shopping (94784787)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (2358098) **7.00** On the Buses (3310164) **7.30** Nearest and Dearest (3339299) **8.00** Fenn Street Gang (2962299) **8.30** That's My Boy (2954270) **9.00** Coronation St (2945522) **9.30** Emmerdale (9753270) **10.00** Gladiators (3328183) **11.00** Hawaii Five-O (3348947) **12.00** Coronation St (2985386) **12.30pm** *Emmerdale* (9764386) **1.00** A Fine Romance (3342763) **1.30** Watching (9763657) **2.00** Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (8843473) **3.00** Gladiators (6037947) **4.00** Hawaii Five-O (8016454) **5.00** Hart to Hart (6406102) **6.00** Emmerdale (4628763) **6.30** Coronation St (4619015) **7.00** Surgical Spirit (6407831) **7.30** Fenn Street Gang (4615299) **8.00** Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (6508611) **9.00** Coronation Street (6012636) **9.30** Hale and Pace (9744522) **10.00** The Comedians (2966015) **10.30** Wheeltappers and Shunters (2975763) **11.00** Men and Motors (4884812)



Christopher Walken and Matthew Broderick star in *Biloxi Blues*, based on the Neil Simon's trilogy of plays (Sky Movies Gold, 8.00pm)

CARLTON SELECT [CABLE]

5.00pm Blockbusters (90212367) **5.30** Gridlock (20664725) **6.00** My Two Wives (20861638) **6.30** Pull the Other One (20885218) **7.00** Rising Damp (90225831) **7.30** Desmond's (20874102) **8.00** Sailortown (90201251) **8.30** First Sign of Madness (90220386) **9.00** Tenamera (39004098) **10.00** The Darling Buds of May (39007183) **11.00** Boon (68617768) **12.00** Life after Birth (98545418) **12.30am** Fast Forward (80634400) **1.00** Close

DISNEY CHANNEL

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8.00pm The A-Team **9.00** Real Stories of *the Highway Patrol* **9.30** Cops **10.00** Italian Stripping Housewives **10.30** Red Shoe Diaries **11.00** FILM: An Eye for an Eye (1981) **1.00am** Beverly Hills Bordello **1.30** Stripping Housewives **2.00** Real Stories of the Highway Patrol **2.30** Cops **3.00** FILM: First Blood (1982) **5.00** Monsters

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6.00am Community Touch **6.30** Positive Health Show **7.00** Jaagran **7.30** News **8.00** India Business Report **8.30** Bunyaad **9.00** Love Stories **10.00** London Se Lahore **11.00** The Low Cal Show **11.30** Kurukshetra **12.00** Urdu FILM: Kaanta **3.00pm** Sailaab **3.30** Zee Health Show **4.00** Campus **4.30** Liberty **5.00** It's My Choice **5.30** Mr Mintoo **6.00** Teacher **6.30** Banegi Apni Baat **7.00** Fun Filmi Style **7.30** Baat Ban Jaye **8.00** News **8.30** Dastaan **9.00** Sahab Bahadur **10.00** Ikke Pe Ikka **10.30** Amaanat **11.00** Purush Kshetra **12.30am** Ghoomta Aaina **1.00** Jee Sahab **1.30** Raahat **2.00** Gujarati FILM: Roopali Dasharwali **4.30** Char Rasta **5.00** Antar Na Dhant **5.30** News

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United search for vital experience



Stam: another test

By Oliver Holt
Football Correspondent

EVERYTHING was ready at Old Trafford yesterday. The pitch looked a picture in the sunshine, a carpet of light and dark green lines, the grass in the centre circle and six-yard boxes cut in shades like a chessboard. *The opponents have been watched,* the physical work has been done, so Alex Ferguson said that he would not worry too much about LKS Lodz. "It's time we got our own show on the road," he said.

Manchester United were supposed to hit that road at Wembley on Sunday, but the resounding loss to Arsenal in the FA Charity Shield felt like a breakdown on the drive before the journey had even begun. They will have another go at firing their season into life in front of a near-capacity crowd in Manchester tonight and this time the stakes will be much higher.

United cannot afford to be caught cold. If the Polish champions embarrass them, they will be left facing an uphill struggle to qualify for the European Cup Champions' League before the FA Carling Premiership season has even begun. Imagine the ridicule that would rain down on them then now that their aspirations of joining a European super league are out in the open.

The United manager exuded a quiet confidence yesterday, though. Ferguson was all smiles, unflappable, not as tetchy as he can be sometimes before a big game. He brushed aside the memory of the Charity Shield and announced defiantly that he would be fielding the same side as the one that had succumbed to Arsenal.

That means another chance for Jaap Stam, the £10.75 million purchase from PSV Eindhoven, who had such an uncomfortable game against Nicolas Anelka, to establish himself in his new team. With that in mind, Ferguson identified the ability to keep a clean sheet against the Poles as the priority, even in a game that United are expected to win comfortably.

If that happens, then the return leg in Lodz in a fortnight will be little more than a formality and United will be able to prepare for a string of lucrative group matches against teams like L'Internazionale, Barcelona, Real Madrid and Ajax. Tonight, they will embark on the latest phase of the quest to win the European Cup that has obsessed them for most of the past decade.

"Sometimes you can have high expectations and then get frustrated by games like tomorrow night's," Ferguson said. "People will be expecting Manchester United to win by two or three goals, but we have got to make sure we do not lose the goal that Lodz would enjoy having. It is important we do not lose a goal in European games at home. We have to stick by that format.

"It is almost a new team we have got now, with the changes that we have made, so I have had to spend more of the pre-season shaping it and making sure there is a balance there. There was a lack of balance at times on Sunday, but I hope it all knits together tomorrow. We have got to try to create organisers in the team. Stam and Ronnie Johnsen don't know each other. They had only played one half together at the back before Sunday and it takes time. When Steve Bruce and Gary Pallister first started playing together, we all felt like jumping off the stands, but they became the best partnership this club has ever had. We have got to try to recreate that kind of consistency of selection."

It will be a long-term process, one that Ferguson admitted will be thrown into even sharper focus by the sale of Pallister and Brian McClair in the summer, departures that have left United lacking players with long-term knowledge of the European game. "With McClair and Pallister going, you have taken all the experience away really," Ferguson said. "They have done it all, and there's nobody, apart from Peter Schmeichel, left from that period in 1990. We have the nucleus of players who can recreate the identity of that team and the strength and purpose. It is a matter of putting it together."

Starting against the Poles. Unheralded they may be, but United will not be taking them lightly. "We must not be complacent about Lodz. We have done well here against teams like Barcelona and Juventus in the past, but struggled sometimes against sides from Russia and Greece. Galatasary: they put a few grey hairs on me, too — but that is where the uniqueness of the competition comes in. The supporters want to see a different type of football away from the helter-skelter of the Premiership."

Like Ferguson, the supporters would also like to see a new striker in the ranks before the deadline on Saturday for eligibility for the Champions' League, but Martin Edwards, the club chairman, emphasised again yesterday that he would not compromise United's wage structure to accommodate one player, no matter how famous he may be or how much he may be needed.

"We are the best payers in the league," Edwards said, "and we have been good enough for the likes of Teddy Sheringham, Jaap Stam and Jesper Blomqvist. Criticism about our lack of ambition is unfair. There will be a change in salary structure as time goes on, but I will not mortgage this club for the sake of one individual. Some players seem to think England is Treasure Island, but it is not."

When it comes to Treasure Island, in fact, Edwards can pinpoint its location exactly. For now, it is looming up in the group stages of the Champions' League. Only LKS — a team whose idea of financial reward is to have their heads shaved for a bonus of £2,000 a man to satisfy a sponsor — need to be negotiated for the riches to be taken aboard.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-1-1): P Schmeichel — G Neville, J Stam, R Johnsen, D Irwin — D Beckham, R Keane, N Butt, R Giggs — P Scholes — A Cole.

Lancashire's early blows prove decisive

By Richard Hobson

SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire won toss): Lancashire beat Hampshire by 43 runs

WHERE some counties wilt under pressure, Lancashire are most dangerous when under threat. They responded to a collapse of nine wickets for 88 runs yesterday with a magnificent display of new ball bowling which steered them towards the NatWest Trophy final in emphatic style.

Leicestershire or Derbyshire, who contest the second semi-final today, will provide the opposition, but for a time it seemed that the home side would have an interest in proceedings at Grace Road. From 164 for one, Lancashire collapsed to 252 all out, to the delight of the home element among a 4,500 crowd shoehorned into the County Ground, and the target seemed within the compass of Hampshire on a good, firm pitch.

Yet it took Lancashire less than ten overs of the reply to assume charge again. This time they did not relinquish control, restricting Hampshire to 209 for nine despite the considerable efforts of Dimitri Mascarenhas, an English-born all-rounder of Sri Lankan parents, who was raised in Australia, where his father ran a McDonalds restaurant.

Peter Martin set the Lancashire recovery in motion when Stephenson was adjudged leg-before to a ball that swung in, and Laney dragged a delivery from Austin onto his stumps. So much depended on Robin Smith, man of the match when Hampshire last won this competition seven years ago, and still among the most punishing batsmen in the English game.

The whoops of delight when Martin produced one to curve the other way, prompting the thinnest of edges from Smith's angled bat, testified to the significance of the wicket. Martin took his sweater with figures of two for 14 from his initial six-over spell, Austin retired to the outfield with one for four and, even though Wasim Akram was absent, nursing a bruised foot, there was no way back.

White scratched around for 42 balls before he nudged Flintoff to Hegg and when the wicketkeeper held a third catch to account for Aymes, Hampshire were 28 for five. Had Atherton held a low chance at slip with James on seven then Hampshire might have crumbled totally.

Instead, James and Mascarenhas not only shepherded Hampshire beyond their previous lowest in the competition - 98 against Lancashire in 1975 - but had extended the partnership to 104, a county record for the sixth wicket, when James gave Austin a return catch in his second spell.

Mascarenhas took the loss of his partner as a cue to raise the tempo. Tall and upright, he drove anything pitched up. However, the challenge of scoring 112 runs in the final ten overs was too much and he finally drove Austin to Chapple having scored 73 from 124 balls with two sixes and three fours. He had earlier taken three for 28 and, at 20, his time will come again.

Even though tickets had long since sold out the queue along Northlands Road stretched more than 200 yards when the gates opened at 8.30.

This said much for the progress made by Hampshire under Smith this season. After winning the toss, however, the captain waited for 17 overs before a breakthrough when Atherton pushed ineffectually at a delivery from James, the left-armer, angled across him.

Crawley had clearly set out his stall to bat through the innings. Fairbrother adopted a more risky approach and was fortunate on 19 when Aymes spilled a relatively simple catch as he tried to guide McLean to third man. The left-hander then eased Udal over extra cover for six and added three fours in reaching 50 from 59 balls.

It needed something special to end the stand of 115 in 23 overs. Stephenson holding a fine, one-handed catch at mid-wicket when Fairbrother greeted a Hartley long hop with a full-blooded pull. Mascarenhas then tempted Flintoff, later to match Stephenson's catch with a one-handed effort of his own to remove McLean, to mistime a sweep and Crawley, with 79 from 141 balls, drove to gully. Smith immediately brought back McLean, perhaps the fastest bowler on the county circuit at present. Lloyd pulled weakly and Watkinson drove Mascarenhas to cover.

The rest of the innings belonged to Cardigan Connor. Walking on crutches because of a hip problem just two days earlier, he played only after taking pain-killers and dismissed Hegg, Austin and Yates in his second spell. Little could he imagine his efforts would be trumped.

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NEIL MUNNS

Crawley played the anchor role to perfection for Lancashire in yesterday's win

SOUTHAMPTON SCOREBOARD

LANCASHIRE
M A Atherton c Aymes b James 17
* J P Crawley c Udal b Mascarenhas 79
N H Fairbrother c Stephenson b Hartley ..38
A Flintoff c Aymes b Mascarenhas 8
G D Lloyd c White b McLean 10
M Watkinson c White b Mascarenhas 7
W K Hegg c James b Connor 28
I D Austin b Connor 1
G Yates b Connor 6
G Chapple run out 6
P J Martin not out 5
Extras (lb 9, w 12, nb 6) 27
Total (60 overs) 252
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-164, 3-176, 4-188, 5-193, 6-200, 7-209, 8-219, 9-244.
BOWLING: Connor 12-2-31-3; McLean 12-1-50-1; Hartley 8-0-35-1; James 7-0-24-1; Stephenson 5-0-30-0; Udal 8-0-45-0; Mascarenhas 8-0-28-3.

HAMPSHIRE
J S Laney b Austin 7
J P Stephenson lbw b Martin 5
G W White c Hegg b Flintoff 6
*R A Smith c Hegg b Martin 1
A N Aymes c Hegg b Chapple 3
A D Mascarenhas c Chapple b Austin 73
K D James c and b Austin 32
N A M McLean c Flintoff b Martin 36
S D Udal not out 11
P J Hartley lbw b Chapple 0
C A Connor not out 2
Extras (lb 3, w 12, nb 2) 17
Total (9 wickets, 60 overs) 209
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-10, 3-13, 4-23, 5-28, 6-132, 7-175, 8-203, 9-205.
BOWLING: Martin 11-1-54-3; Austin 12-3-25-3; Chapple 8-2-39-2; Flintoff 9-1-19-1; Yates 12-0-31-0; Watkinson 12-0-39-0.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and J W Holder.
Man of the Match: A D Mascarenhas.

Stewart may miss start of Ashes tour

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

TWO days after cheering the country, Alec Stewart, the England captain, is at the centre of a growing dispute over his priorities for the winter. The selectors and management want him in Australia from the start of the Ashes tour, but certain influential administrators, both at home and overseas, believe he must captain the one-day team in a fundraising event in Bangladesh.

The conflict was always possible once the International Cricket Council (ICC) had scheduled the tournament in Dacca to overlap with the early days of England's tour to Australia. There is apparently no way out of the clash of dates and it is for England to resolve where their captain and senior players ought to be.

Plainly, however, there is political pressure being applied upon administrators to ensure that England have the strongest possible side in Bangladesh, and while there may be reasons for excluding certain others from the one-day team on grounds of fitness or strict suitability, Stewart is fundamental to it.

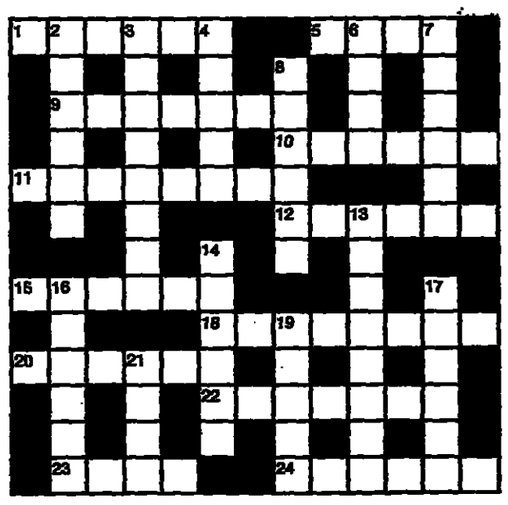
David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, has already stated that Stewart belongs with the Test party. It is an opinion shared by the two other selectors, the team management and, I understand, by Stewart himself, but they will all be powerless to apply it if the executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), their employers, decree he should go to Dacca.

The situation is ludicrous. While the context of the Dacca event, raising money for the global development of the game, is worthy enough, it cannot possibly rival an Ashes tour in terms of importance to the England team.

And there is a reason more profound than protocol or togetherness why it would be folly to make Stewart lead the one-day side.

If Stewart was forced to miss the first ten days of the tour, when England will be based in Perth, he would have no chance of practising or playing in the singular conditions of that city before the second Test there in November. Administrators concerned with political niceties should think carefully before jeopardising whatever chance there may be of regaining the Ashes.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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5 A soft Fr. cheese (4)
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10 Of the spring (6)
11 Scatter (8)
12 Chide (6)
15 Moneylender; certainty (6)
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20 Clearly show (6)
22 Using great force (7)
23 (Boers') journey (4)
24 Pay attention (6)

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2 Familiar (with) (2,4)
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7 Go on board (6)
8 Go back (to old, wild state) (6)
13 Commerce (8)
14 Lament (loss) (6)
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Zurich loses its golden lustre

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

THE world's fastest men have pulled out of the world's richest athletics meeting in a dispute over money. The withdrawal of Maurice Greene and Ato Boldon from the Weltklasse Zurich Grand Prix tonight is a nasty blow to the International Amateur Athletic Federation Golden League in its first season.

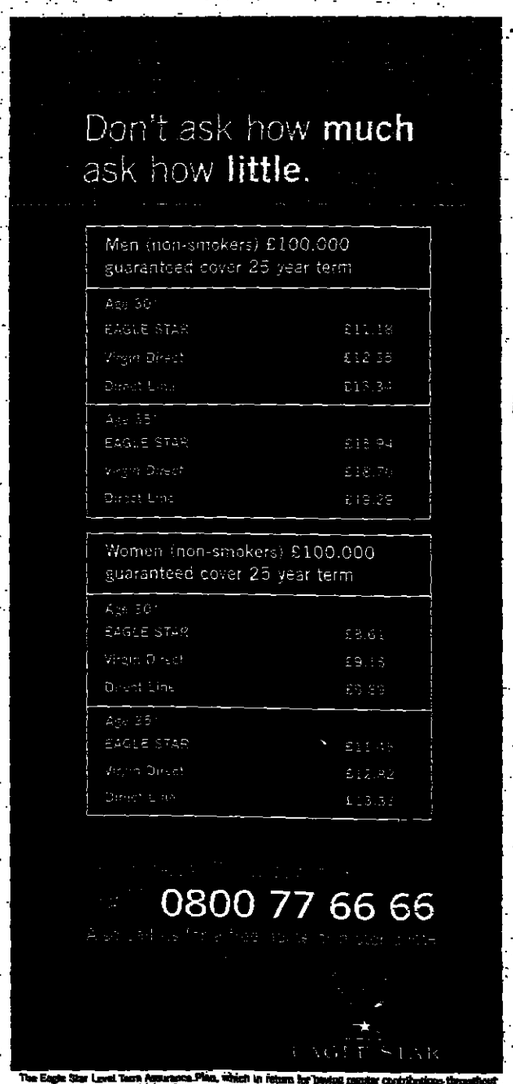
Greene, the 100 metres world champion from the United States, and Boldon, the 200 metres world champion from Trinidad, have returned from the European circuit to California instead of taking part in the Zurich 100 metres. As there is no world championships or Olympic Games this year, tonight should have witnessed the showpiece 100 metres of the summer.

However, without Greene or Boldon, whose 9.86sec is the fastest time of the year, Zurich has been stripped of its status. "It is all about money," Andreas Brugger, the Zurich meeting promoter, said. "Maurice Greene's and Ato Boldon's ideas were too high. We wanted to pay them the Golden League contract and they wanted more."

In an attempt to stimulate greater interest in the sport, the IAAF introduced the Golden League last month with a $1 million jackpot for athletes winning their event at seven grand prix meetings. The emphasis was taken away from appearance money and put on prize-money. In addition to the jackpot, $15,000 is paid to event winners at each meeting, down to $1,000 for eighth place.

After three meetings, only five athletes remain in contention for the jackpot, none in the men's 100 metres, which tends to be more competitive than most events. The five are Bryan Bronson, in the 400 metres hurdles, Hicham El Guerrouj, in the 1,500 metres and mile, Charity Opara, in the 400 metres, Haile Gebrselassie, in the 5,000 metres, and Marion Jones, in the 100 metres. "They have put a carrot out that is basically impossible for anyone to get," Emanuel Hudson, who manages Greene and Boldon, said. "What are the chances of one of them winning seven races [in the men's 100 metres]? It is stupid to think you are going to do it."

The athletes refused to sign Golden League contracts for set appearance fees at all meetings, choosing to negotiate with individual promoters. They are believed to have demanded $100,000. A Golden League rethink may be needed, not only to prevent further athlete walkouts, but to sell to television at a price it is prepared to pay.



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